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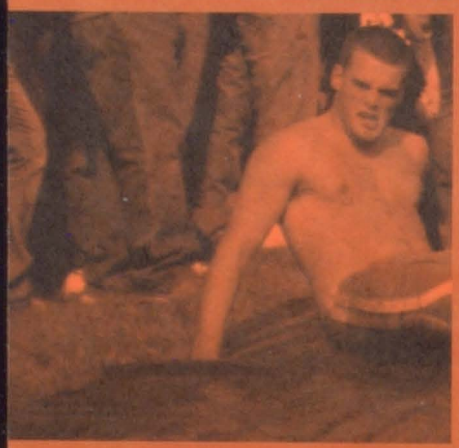
During the Spirit Week pep rally, enthusiastic students slide down the hill.



Seniors Stephanie Tardugno and Deanna Dearo show off their muscle during Heat of Fusion. Don't mess with these two!

Junior Cassie Seifert wears a stolen top hat during the homecoming football game. Cassie stole the hat from Dylan Famolaro.

Juniors Rob Humphrey and Dominic Dimaggio stand with the mystery chicken man. Who is the man behind the chicken suit? The world may never know.

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Editor-In-Chief
Cassie Seifert

Memories are funny things. Certain things can trigger them and send a rush of reminiscing towards you. One object that really triggers memories is a yearbook. Once you graduate from high school you will forget certain things from your adolescence, it's inevitable. But a yearbook helps you remember all those little details of your high school career that would otherwise be forgotten. A yearbook is like the scrapbook of high school; it's pages filled with pictures, friends, information, and most of all, memories.

I would like to give a big thanks to my yearbook advisors Mr. Maitland and Miss Colwell, and all of my assisting editors, especially my partner in crime Taurean. Thank you also to Jess, Tess, Christy, and Deanna. Although our staff was small, everyone did a great job and the entire staff should be extremely proud of all their achievements and all of their hard work. Thankfully we were able to meet all of this year's stressful deadlines on time and all of the pages were fully completed. This in itself is a huge achievement. In the end, through all the hardships, we pulled it all together and I am pleased to consider the '09 yearbook a huge success.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Rome Free Academy Alma Mater

"To Thee, RFA,
our allegiance we bring;
with truth and loyalty.
As comrades we come,
with our minds seeking light;
and our spirits bold and free.
Oh, dear Alma Mater,
we will honor thee more and more.
So teach us to be true to thee,
Alma Mater RFA."

We will always remember...

"It was time to move on. It was a memorable place, but it was time for the community and the people to move on."
-Mr. MacLachlan

For 82 years Rome Free Academy has been a long standing symbol of tradition, excellence, and achievement. Formerly located at 500 Turin Street, this school succeeded two previous schools located on 301 North James Street. Throughout the years there have been many memories created at RFA. Although the old RFA will be greatly missed, many people in the community felt it was time to say good bye to the long-standing structure. The building stood for 82 years and was a place of learning for 76. Built by Strandberg Bros. Co. from Chicago and designed by Tooker and Marsh from New York, the school survived a fire that threatened to destroy the building when it was only 12 years old. The old RFA endured many hardships throughout it's life. The school proved that it was tough as well as virtuous. The legacy of the old RFA will always be remembered.

"It wasn't just a building, it was a school with a spirit."
- Mrs. Waters

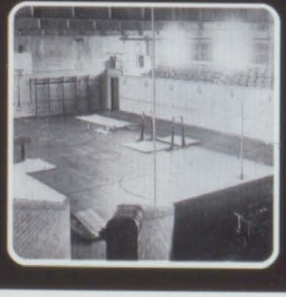
"I began my teaching career at the old RFA. Although crumbling and in disrepair, there was a certain warmth and charm about the building that is greatly missed."
-Miss Colwell

"For years the school district tried to find a viable reuse for the building but there wasn't enough support from the community."
-Mr. Terenzetti

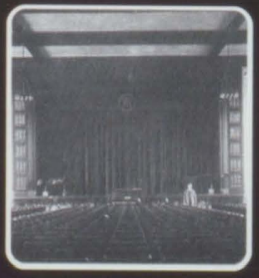
1926

New School's first graduating class

The new RFA's Faculty


The old gym

1938


The old Auditorium

The Fire

....the old RFA

1926-2008

In the winter of '07, the old RFA was closed and getting ready to be torn down.

The name "De-O-Wain-Sta" has been the name of the yearbook since 1926 when RFA was first built.

When it was time for the building to come down, heavy machinery was used to demolish the original and iconic RFA.

2002

The last graduating class

The "Pit"

2008

Tearing it down

SPIRIT — WEEK

LET'S GO KNIGHTS

Juniors Chris Fifield, Randy Pawlikowski and Jon Hallenback are half orange and half black

Juniors Sherry Bush, Stacey Greenwood and Angie Montijo show off their RFA pride!

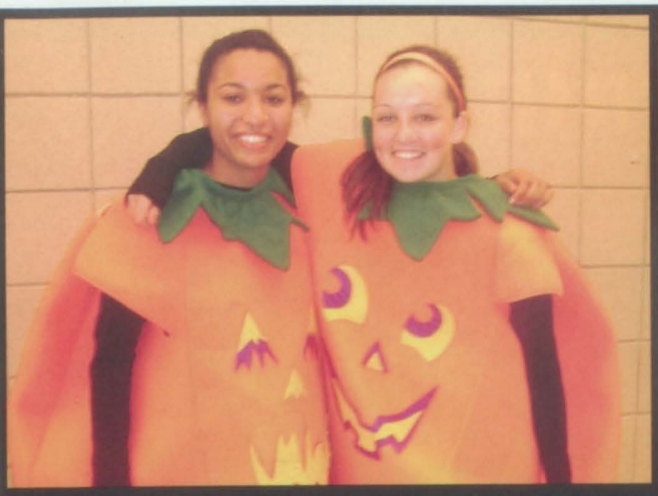
SUPERMEN

Junior David Redner and senior Jake Slachciak slip and slide down the hill

THE THREE AMIGOS

Senior Goof Henry Gates

GOOFY

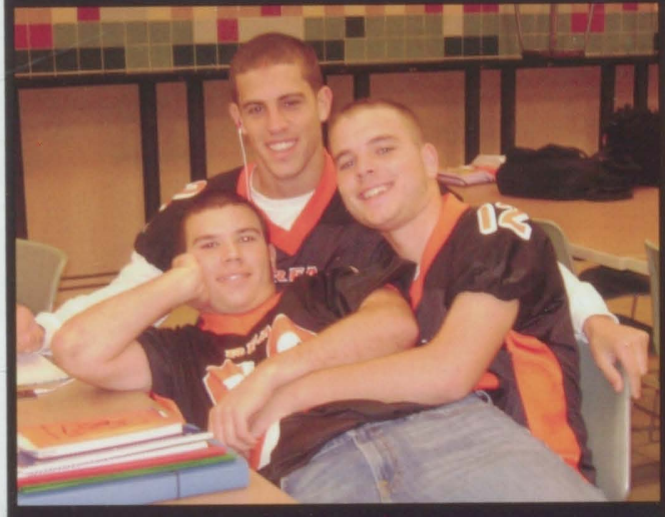


TWiN DAY

Sophomores Morgann Smith & Katie Mott

Senior "Twins" K-rod & Natedawg

FOOTBALL BUDS



UPSiDE DOWN

Senior "Princess" Deanna Dearo

Pretty Minnie junior Pilar Padron

Senior Football BFF'S Jordan Gualtieri, Eric Towsend and Marco Dominic

MiNNiE MOUSE

Homecoming

Pep Rally

Fallon Gannon tries to unstick herself.

Maddy Pegues, Rachel Saunders, and Luke Warlock slip 'n' slide!

Kirstin Richardson takes a slip down the slide.

The Boys Soccer team show off their moves.

Parade Time

Freshmen

Sophomores

Juniors

Seniors

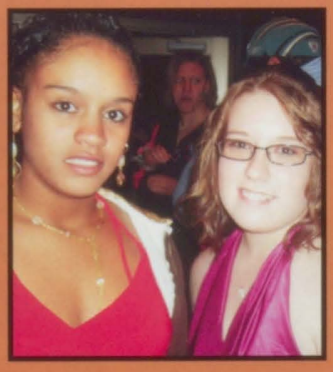
Two Thousand and Eight

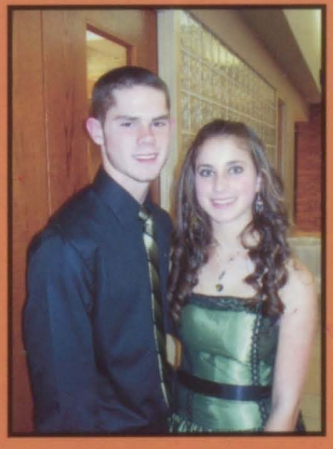
Homecoming is a weekend one always remembers. Homecoming is the weekend of the last home football game. Homecoming is a week long event that lets kids show off their school spirit with Spirit week. Students and teachers participate in the Pep Rally after school which included a water slide, velcro wall, a dancing competition between fall varsity sports, and a pie eating contest. The Pep Rally is held annually to get everyone in the cheering mood. Another activity that takes a couple weeks to get ready for is float building. This year's float theme was Disney. The seniors had Aladdin, the juniors had Toy Story, the sophomores had The Pirates of the Caribbean and the freshmen had The Haunted Mansion. Students from each class get together after school to put in a couple hours toward building the floats which are voted on during the half-time of the football game. This year's winners were the seniors. Also announced at the game is the Homecoming Court. This year's King and Queen were Corey White and Emma Duchesneau. After an exciting Friday night, the students and teachers get down and boogie at the Homecoming Dance held right here at RFA.

The Court

Boys: Lord Mario Gomez, Prince Eric Townsend, Duke Marco Dominic, Count Zach Cicotti and King Corey White
Girls: Queen Emma Duchesneau, Countess Kristin Metzger, Princess Sarah Eggan, Duchess Ashley Pacicca and Lady Deanna Dearo

Dance Time



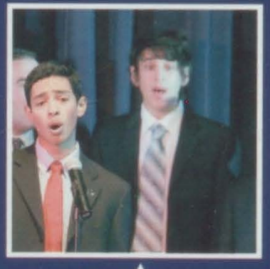


Valentine's Day Dance 2.07.09

Love is in the air: slow songs and slow dancing are part of the annual Valentine's Day Dance held in the lobby here at RFA. Students got the chance to dance with their friends and high school sweethearts, making memories that will last forever.

Alley Cats

Former Rome Free Academy student Jon Terenzetti, class of '06, performed with the Yale Alley Cats on March 27th in the auditorium. There are seventeen members in the all male acappella group. They have performed in twenty different countries all over the world. The Alley Cats also performed with our very own Select Choir. Many who attended the show said it was very enjoyable.



Open Mic Night

"find a few good buddies and start a band..."

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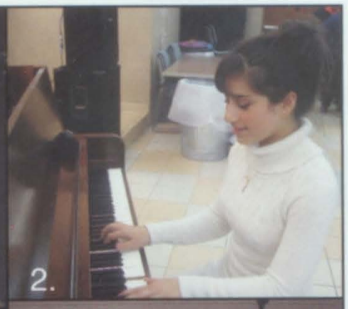
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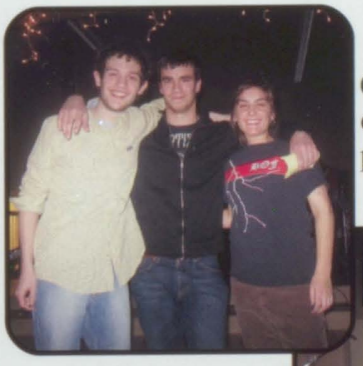
1. EMCEE Eric Pacicca belts out his notes.
2. Stephanie Mata practices on the piano for her act.
3. Billy Mucha gets all into his guitar playing to please the crowd.
4.Travis Holmes and Josh Morgan members of the band "Tommy Eats the World".
5. Dana Aranas sings her heart out.
6. Stacy Spindler plays the piano.

Open Mic Night is an annual show set up by the Junior class. This year's event was held on November 21, 2008. More than 300 people were in the audience listening to electric guitars, kids singing and playing the piano. All together there were 25 performances, some from bands as well as soloists. Before the final performers are chosen there are two days of auditions where kids have to play in front of the judges to see if they can qualify to participate on the big night. Some of the audience favorites and most talked about acts include:

-"These are My Friends" featuring Shelby Bird, Kenneth Cobble and Mark Tardugno, Stephanie Mata, Eric Leonard, Hector Gonzalez, and Richie Klockowski.
-Emcee, Eric Pacicca
-"Tommy Eat the World" featuring Travis Holmes, Josh Morgan, and Tommy Flemming.
-The "Capitals" featuring Alex Newby, Jordon Hoffman, Jair Linder, and Zach Wade

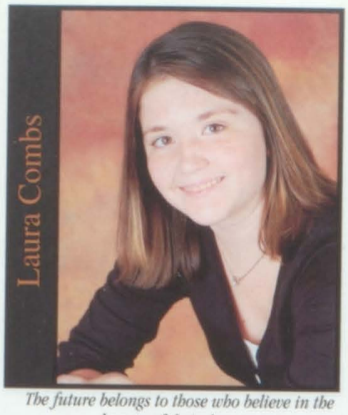
Another person who kept the entertainment going was Tim Parker. He played the piano when other groups were setting up between acts.



College kids home on break came to support the performers

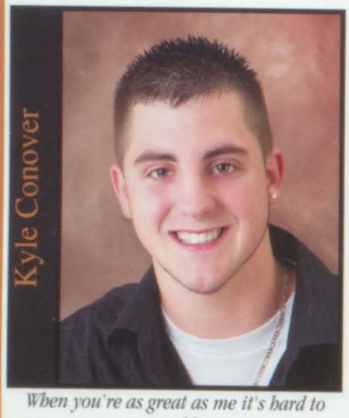
"These Are my Friends" members

I'm in a glass case of emotion.

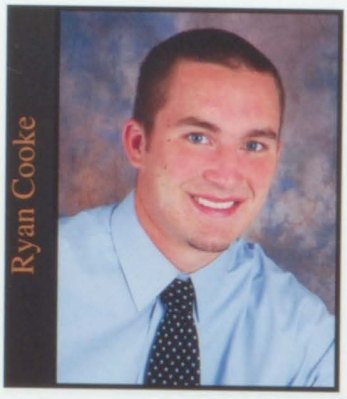


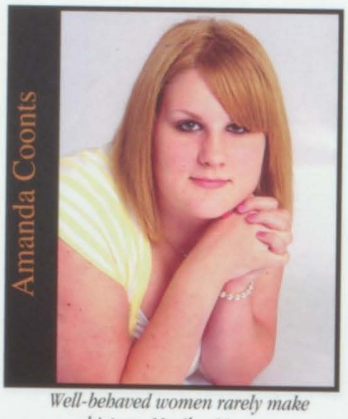
The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.

This is my time to shine.

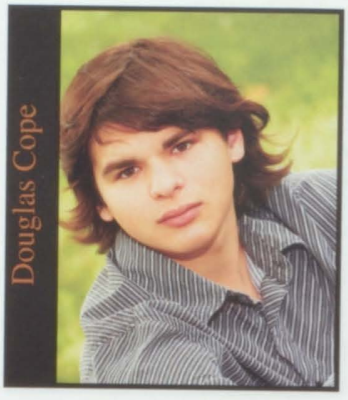


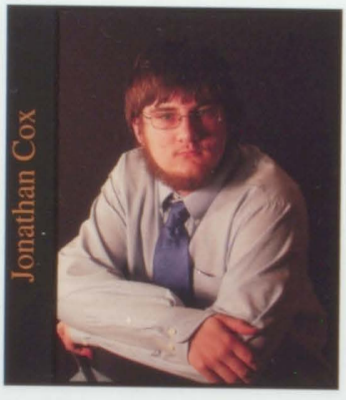
When you're as great as me it's hard to stumble.





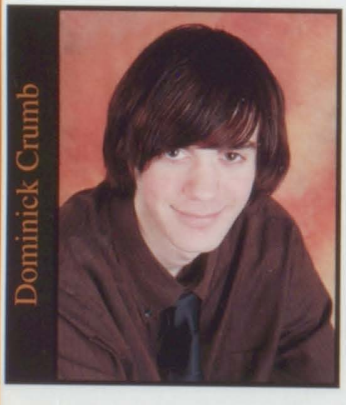
Well-behaved women rarely make history- Marilyn Monroe

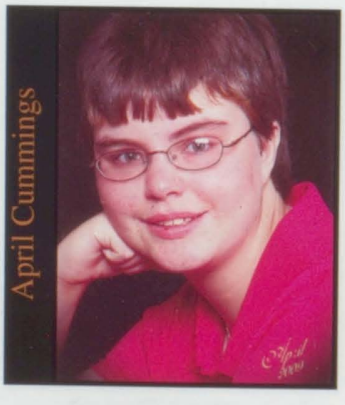


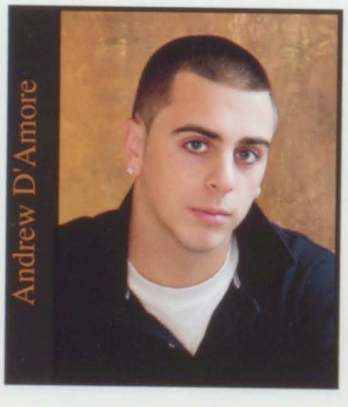


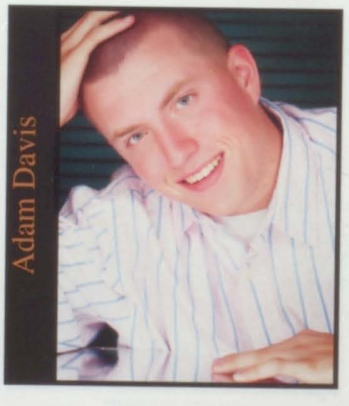
RAHTINGO!

Be smarter than the smart you are.
"Skeetheart"







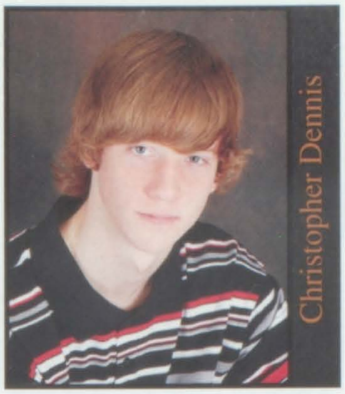


Deanna Dearo

Never leave home without your smile.
DQUAD

Erin Delong

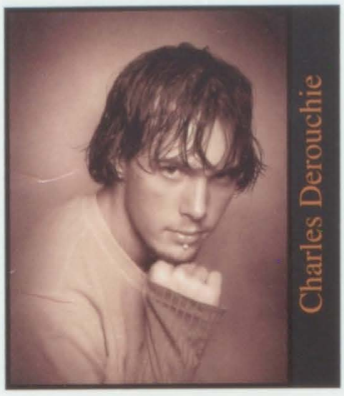
Little Indian...Lost in the Rain



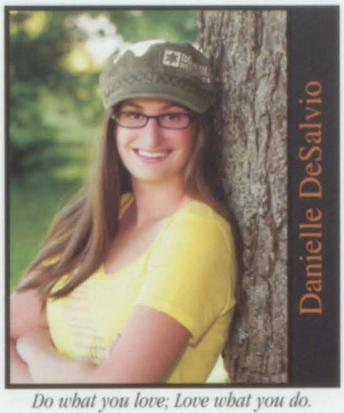
Christopher Dennis

Abigail DePaul

I'd rather laugh with the sinners, than cry with the saints. Sinners have more fun.-Billy Joel



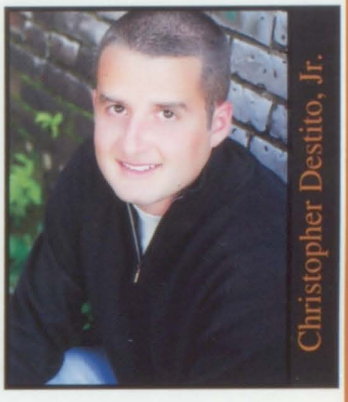
Charles Derouchie



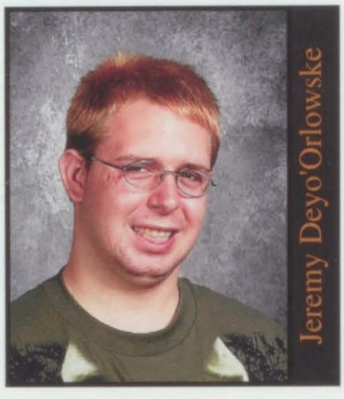
Danielle DeSalvio

Do what you love; Love what you do.
DQUAD

Rachel DeShaw



Christopher Destito, Jr.



Jeremy Deyo'Orlowske

Stephanie DiPaolo

Paige DiBerardino

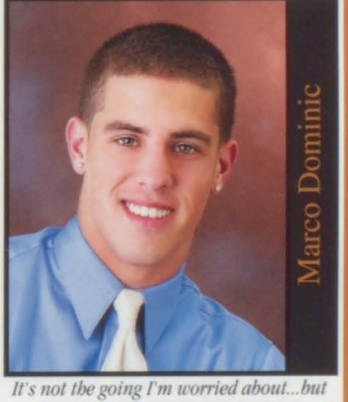
Michelle Dickson

Jenna Dietz

Franco DiMarco

Kyaaaat

Samantha Dobek



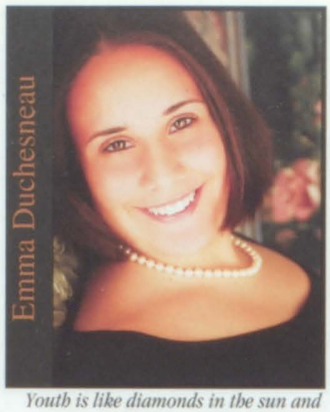
Marco Dominic

It's not the going I'm worried about...but the coming.

Jessica Drake

Vincent Dubay

It means pay attention to nothing except that you do well.


Emma Duchesneau

Youth is like diamonds in the sun and diamonds are forever.

Hilary Dunham

Audrey Duran

Emily Dutt

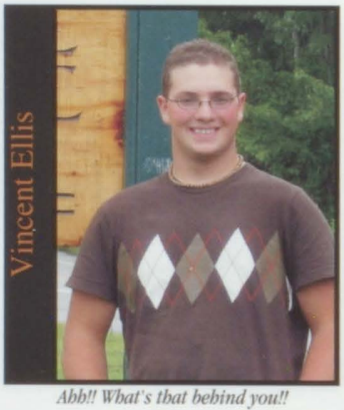
I hate quotes.-Mark Twain

Michelle Eakin

You have to climb on people's butts to get to the top.-Lori Eakin

Sarah Eggan

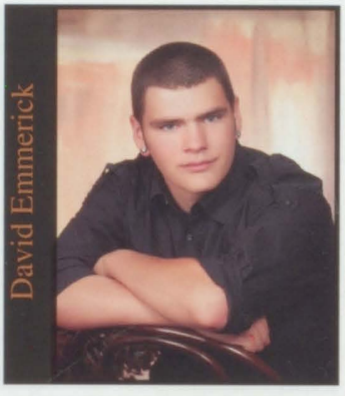
Kari Elia


Vincent Ellis

Abh!! What's that behind you!!

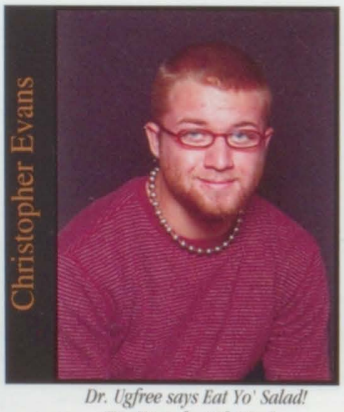
Kenneth Emlin

It is what it is.

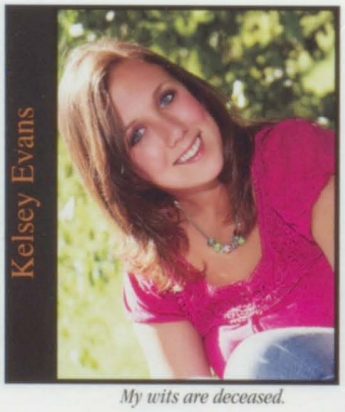

David Emmerick

Carolyn Entelisano

You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think.


Christopher Evans

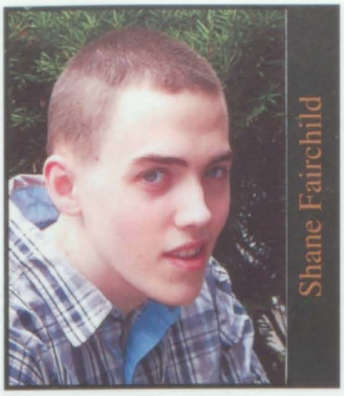
Dr. Ugfree says Eat Yo' Salad! Wu-Tang for Life! Ha ha


Kelsey Evans

My wits are deceased.

Kaitlin Fahey

Life moves pretty fast, If you don't stop to look around, you could miss it.- Ferris Bueller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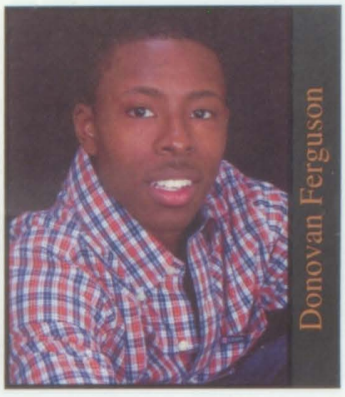
Donovan Ferguson

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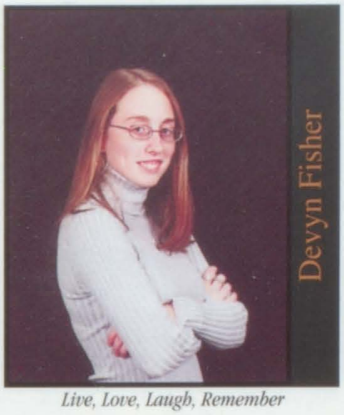
Patricia Fey

Carol Finkle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Live, Love, Laugh, Remember

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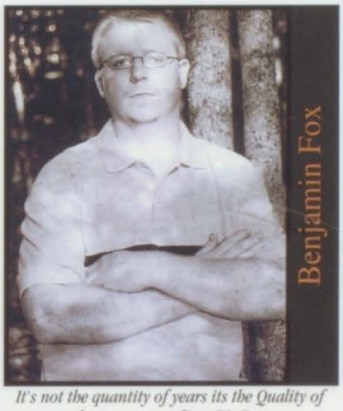
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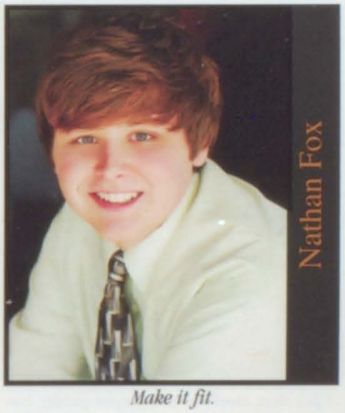

Nathan Fox

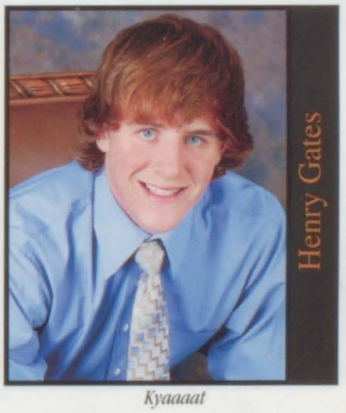
It's not the quantity of years its the Quality of those years you live- Big Ben

Make it fit.

Dustin Frankey

Jamie Fuller

Fallon Gannon


Henry Gates

RAHTINGO

Kyaaaat

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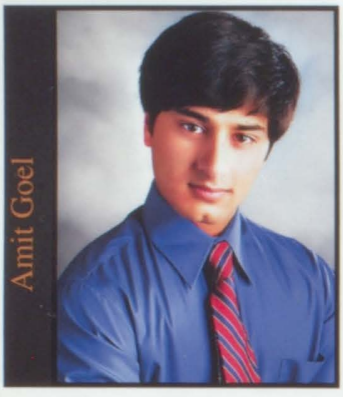
You can do anything you put your mind to.

Samantha Gleba

We come to love not by finding the perfect person but by learning to see an imperfect person perfectly.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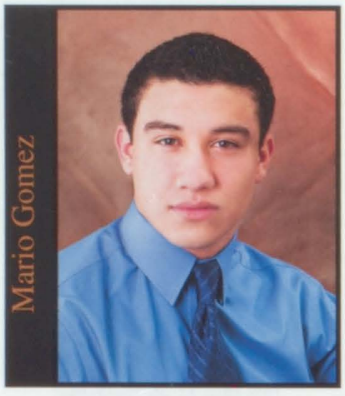
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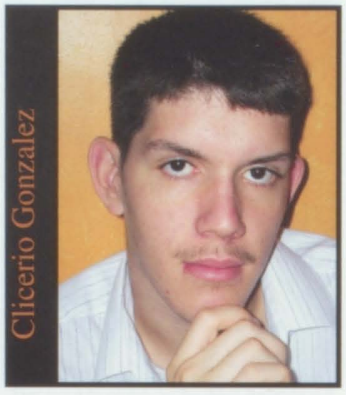
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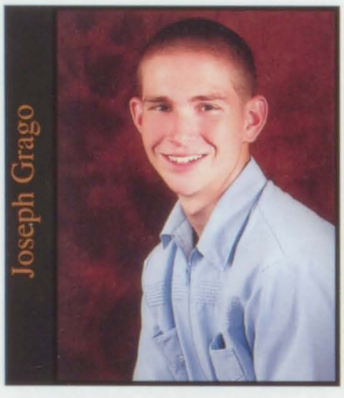
Life's short, break the rules, forgive quickly, kiss slowly, love truly and never regret anything that made you smile.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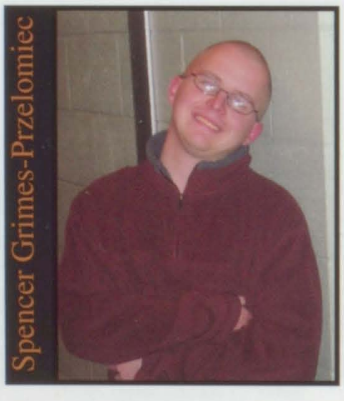
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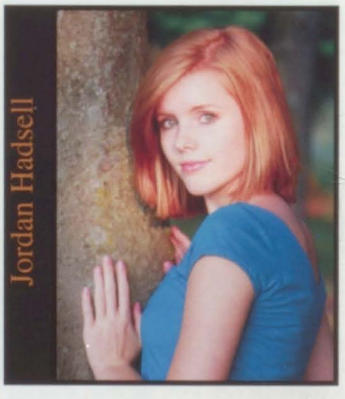
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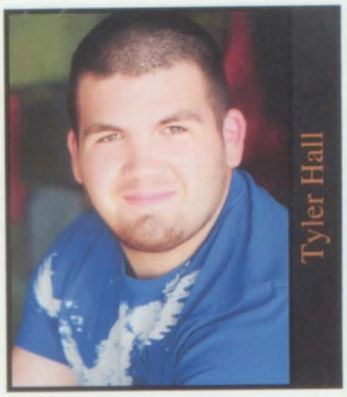
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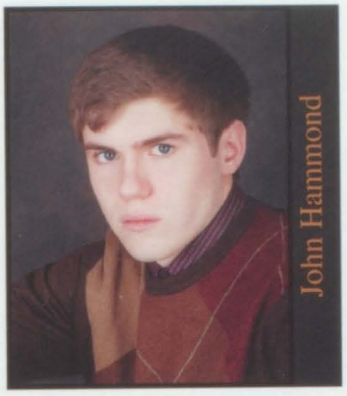
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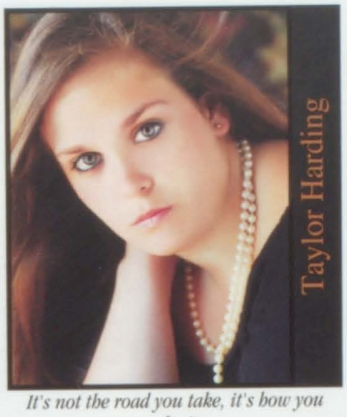
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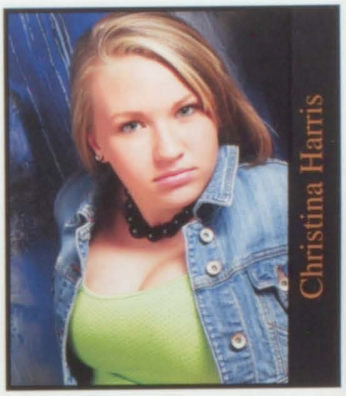
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It's not the road you take, it's how you take it.

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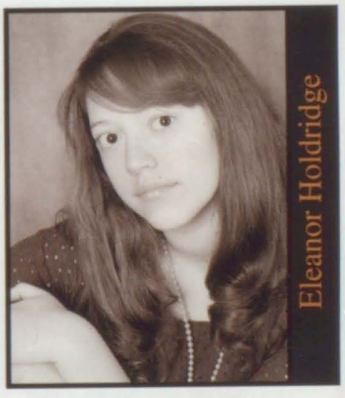
Eleanor Holdridge

Smile, let everyone know that today you're a lot stronger than you were yesterday.

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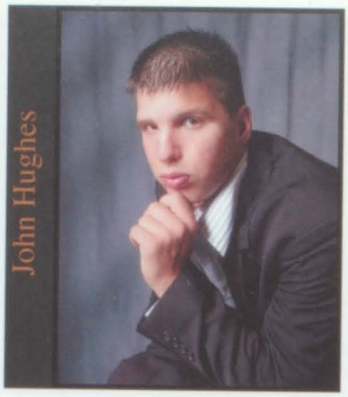
Kayla Holmes

Chase your dreams but always know the road that will lead you home again.

Ralph House



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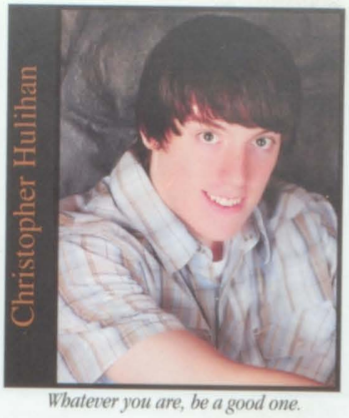
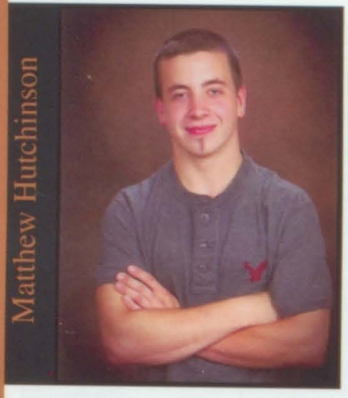


Christopher Hulihan

Whatever you are, be a good one.



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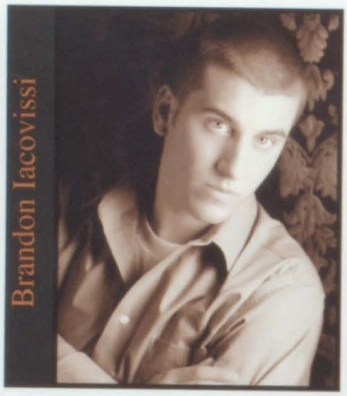

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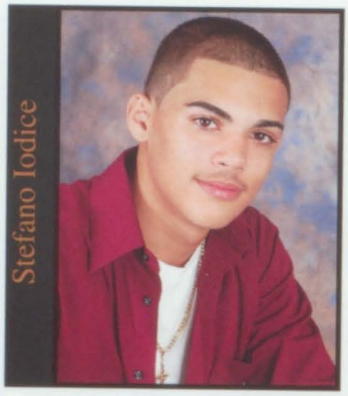

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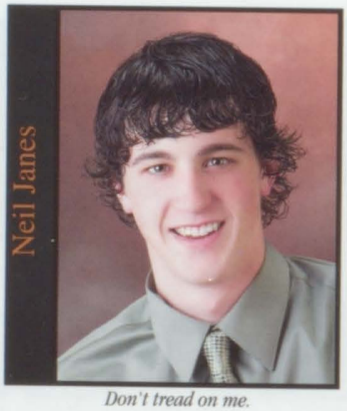
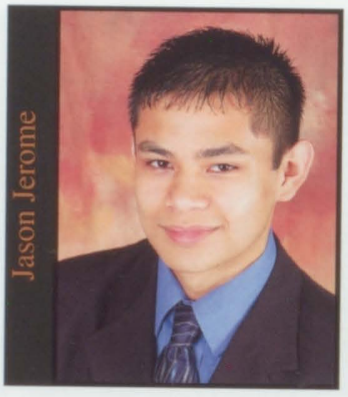


Neil Janes

Don't tread on me.



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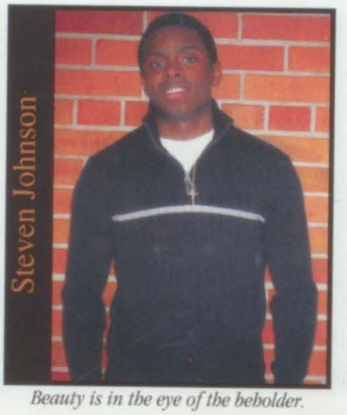

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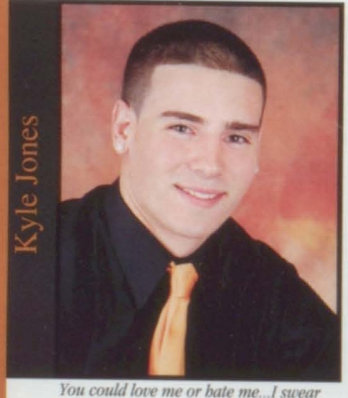

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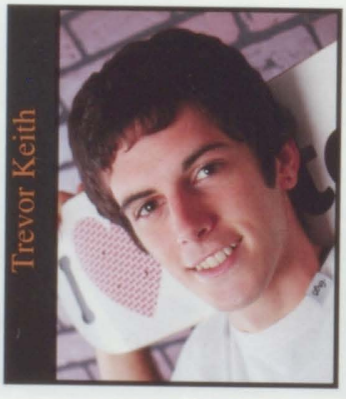
You could love me or hate me...I swear it won't make me or break me.

Sean Kay



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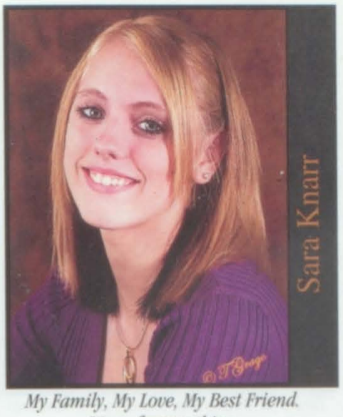
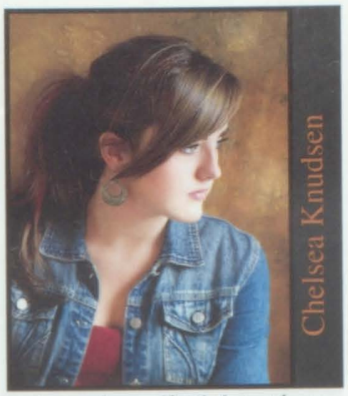


Sara Knarr

My Family, My Love, My Best Friend.
It's a forever thing.



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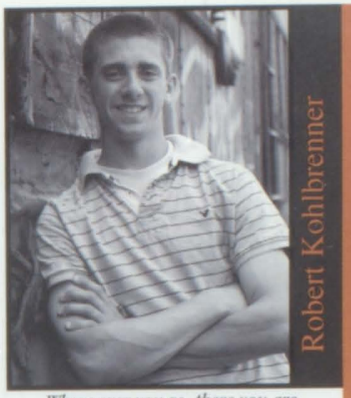
Surround yourself with the people you love and life will always be worthwhile.



Robert Kohlbrenner

Where ever you go, there you are.
- Mad Max and the Thunder dome

Matthew Kosowski

Brandy Kotary

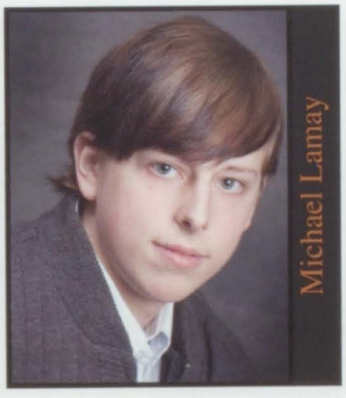
The road is long and in the end the journey is the destination.

Joshua Kozlowski

Taylor Krawiec

Be wild, Be crazy, Be yourself, Because life's too short to be cool.

Dana LaBouef



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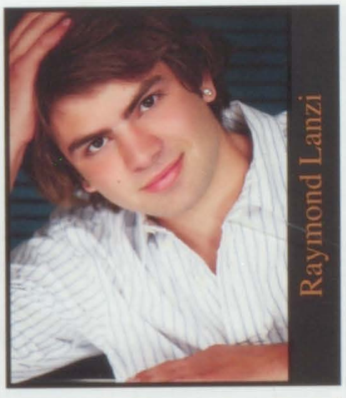

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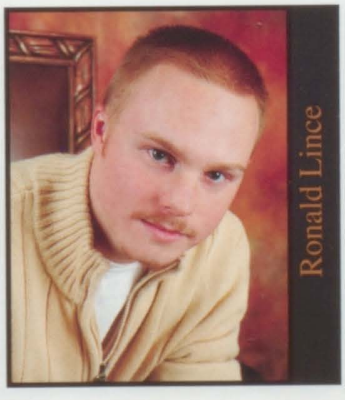

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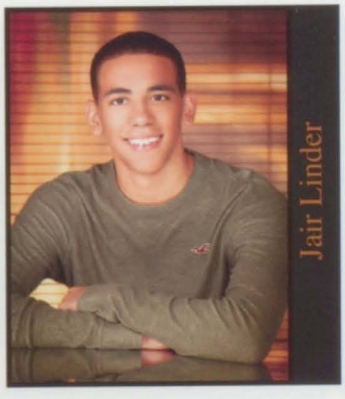

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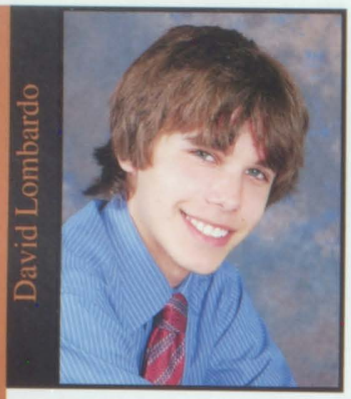

David Lombardo

Elizabeth Lopez

Gabrielle Loreto

Turn your dreams into wishes your wishes into goals your goals into reality and your dreams will come true.

Kelsey Lovett

Jessica Luczak

Jennifer Lyman

Brittany Madonia

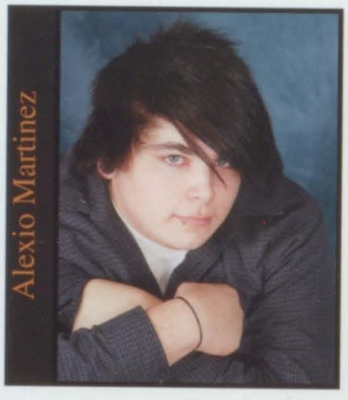
Megan Maracchion

Life passes most people by while they're making grand plans for it.

Angela Marcoccia

In three words I can sum up what I've learned about life; it goes on.-Robert Frost

Courtney Marineau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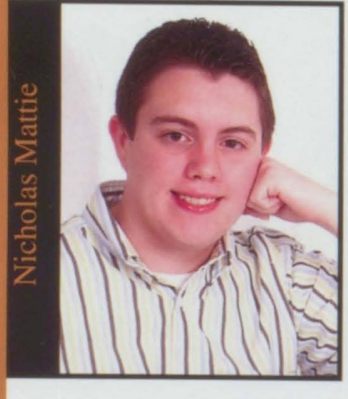
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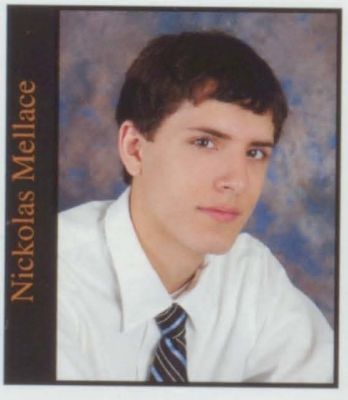
Be happy for this moment... this moment is your life.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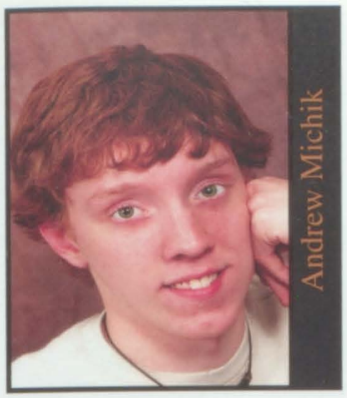

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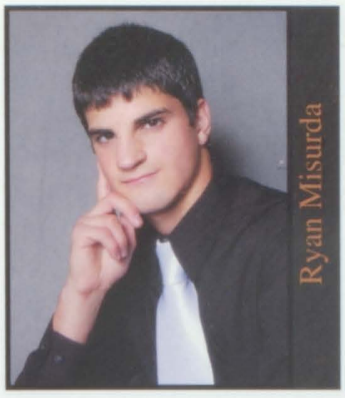

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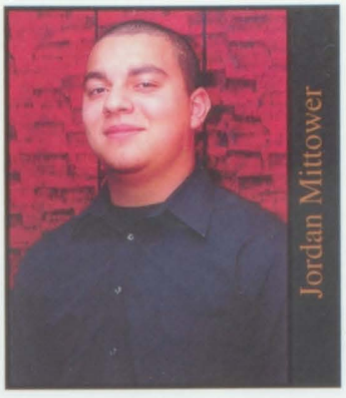


Jordan Mittower

Peter Monahan

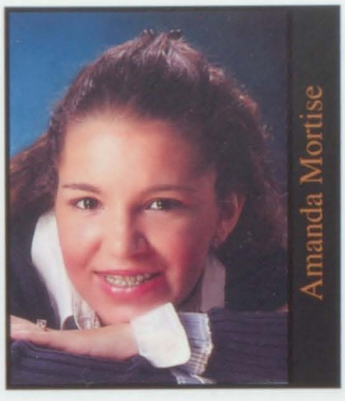
"Mr Gorbachev, tear down this wall!"

Megan Montana

Of course it has been happening inside your head, but why on earth should that mean that it is not real?

Ariana Moran

Some people never go crazy. What truly horrible lives they must lead. Charles Bukowski



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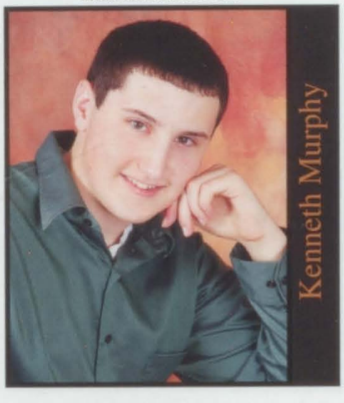

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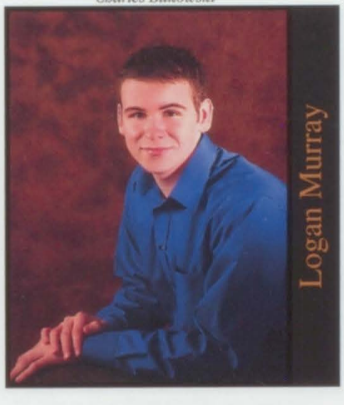

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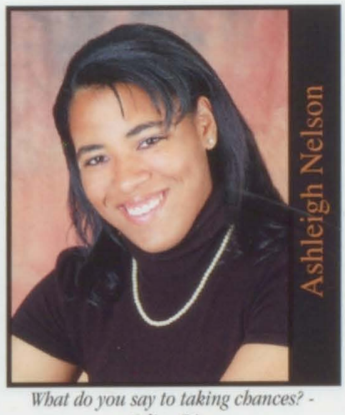
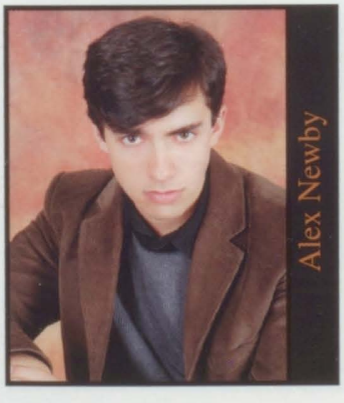


Ashleigh Nelson

What do you say to taking chances? - Celine Dion

John Nessia

When something ends it is over but it can start a new beginning.



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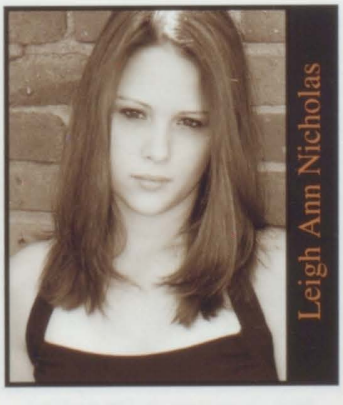

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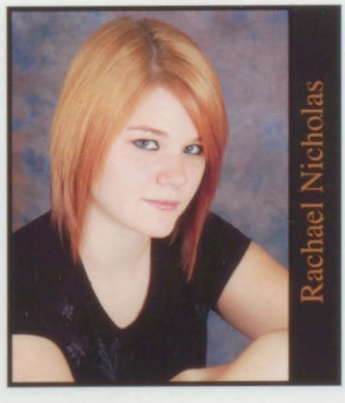

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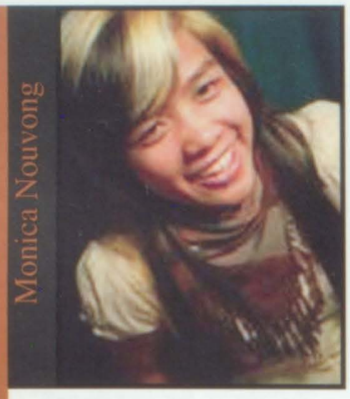
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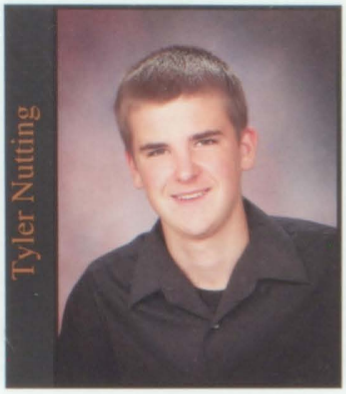
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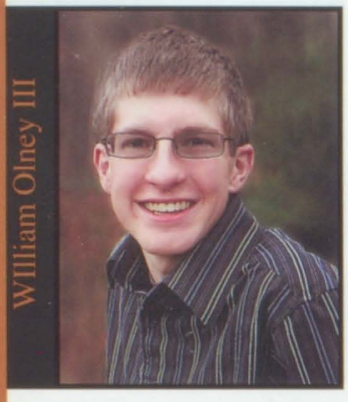
If I'd observed the rules i'd never have gotten anywhere- Marilyn Monroe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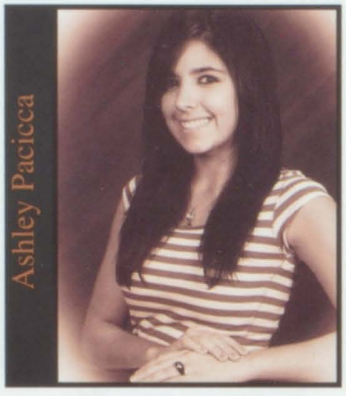
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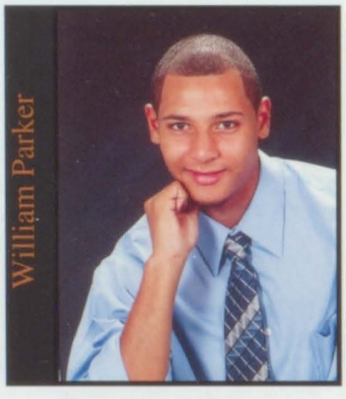
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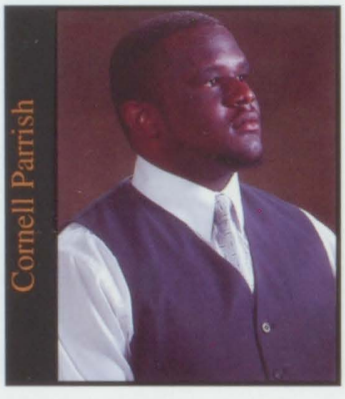
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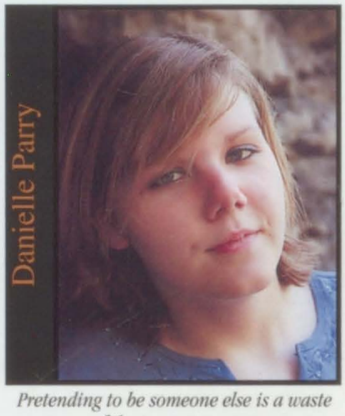
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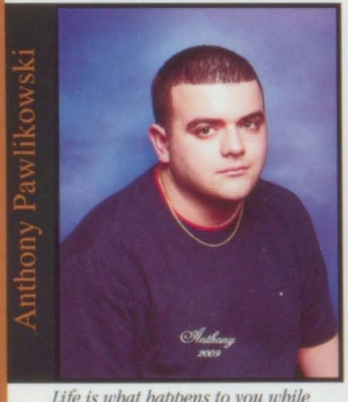
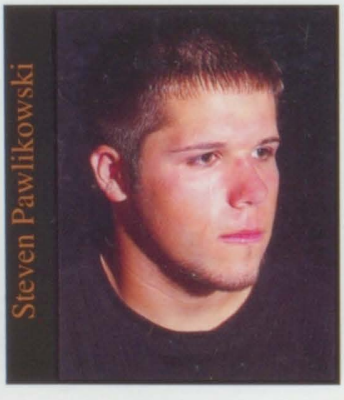
Pretending to be someone else is a waste of the person you are.

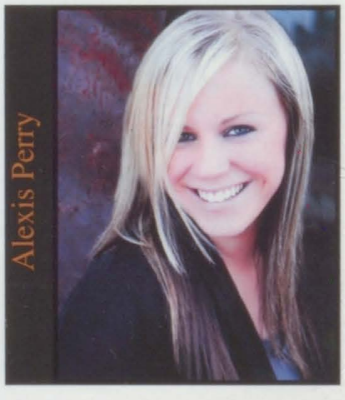

Anthony Pawlikowski

Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans.


Steven Pawlikowski

Madalana Pegues

People who say it can't be done should not interrupt those who are doing it.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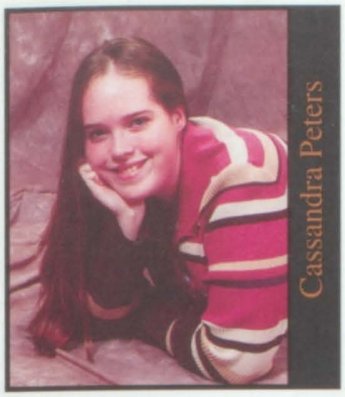
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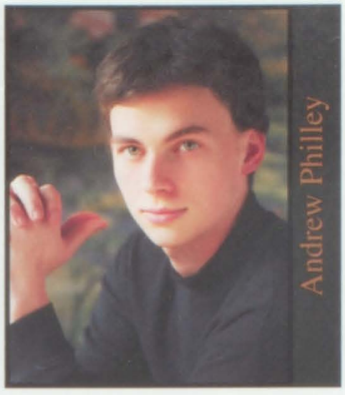
Chloe Pfendler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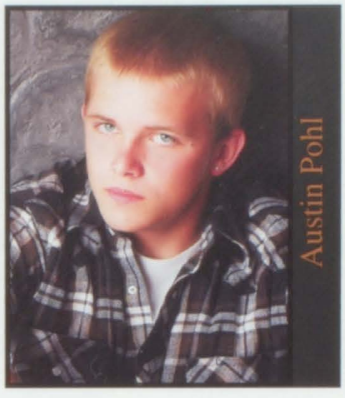
Sara Piekarski

Justin Piersall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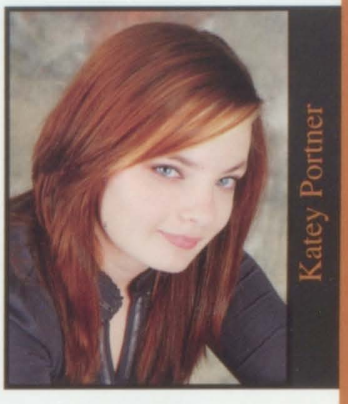
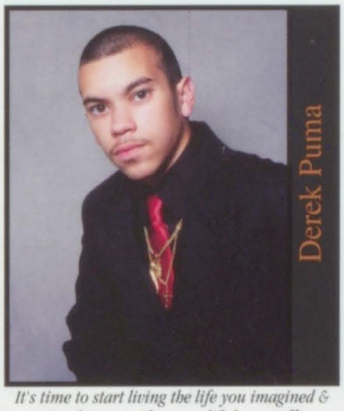

Katey Portner

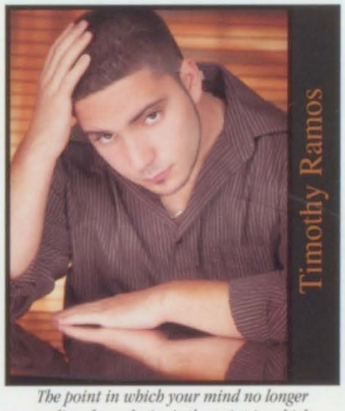
You must be the change you wish to see in the world. -Mahatma Ghandi

Reinaldo Prezeau

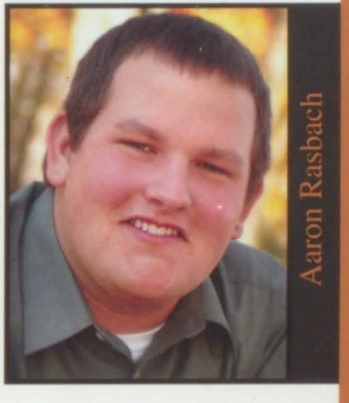
Walk with me...


Derek Puma

It's time to start living the life you imagined & enjoy the many pleasures life has to offer.


Timothy Ramos

The point in which your mind no longer realizes boundaries is the point in which you are truly free.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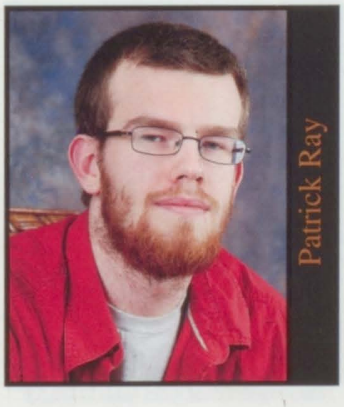
Laura Ray


Patrick Ray

Kristie Richardson

Kyle Roderick

Make It Fit!

Senior Class of 2009

Christina Sharp

Jennifer Scuderi

Matthew Salisbury

Crystal Rodriguez

Kristen Sharpe

Don't gain the world and lose your soul, wisdom is better than silver or gold.

Zed Seedat

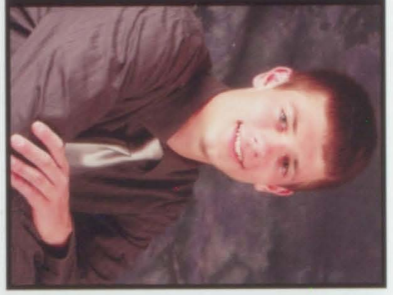
Rachel Saunders

Tiffany Rotach

Samantha Shaver

The roughest road often leads to the top.

Joshua Sexton



Jonathan Scheiderich

Lance Russ

Zachary Sjoblom

Raymond Seymour

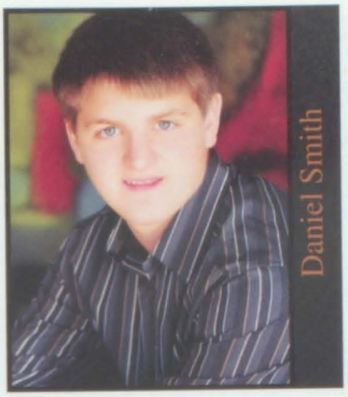
Never give up.

Michael Schulze

Jessica Rutz

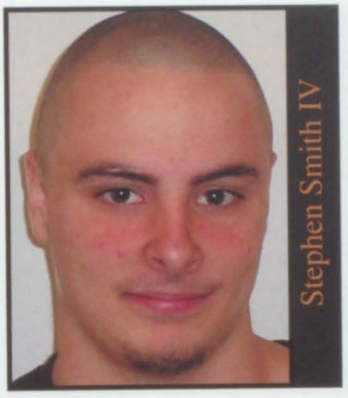
Jake Slachciak

Ariana Smith


Daniel Smith

Erin Smith

Kaitlyn Smith

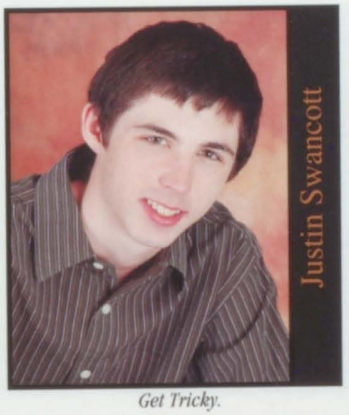

Stephen Smith IV

Julianne Spencer

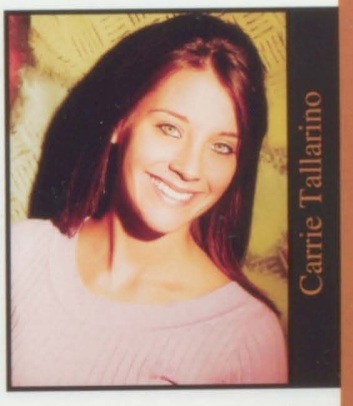
Brian Stauffer

How many people you bless is how you measure success.

Jeffrey Streifert


Justin Swancott

Dustin Swiss


Carrie Tallarino

Get Tricky.

Nicholas Tallarino

Jennifer Tarbania

Stephanie Tardugno

Kourtney Taylor

Take your time....Don't live too-fast, troubles will come and they will pass.- Lynyrd Skynyrd

So just live. Make mistakes and have wonderful times, but never second guess where you've been, where you are, and most of all where your're going.

Don't worry I have my hands in my pocket.

Senior Class of 2009

Eric Townsend

Dylan Tonner

Life is a journey, not a guided tour.

Carissa Thompson

Robert Taylor

Scott Townsend

Brianna Torres

Megan Tigges

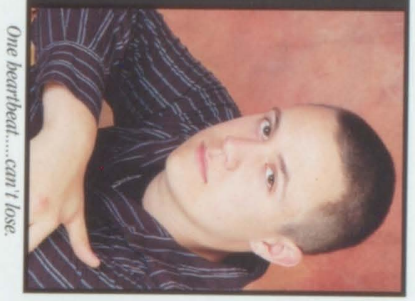
Kimberly Tennant

Derek Treonze

Justin Torres

One heartbeat....can't lose.

Christopher Toepp



Marianna Thayer

Roger Trigo

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Alexandra Towne

Maria Tomassi

Emma Thomas

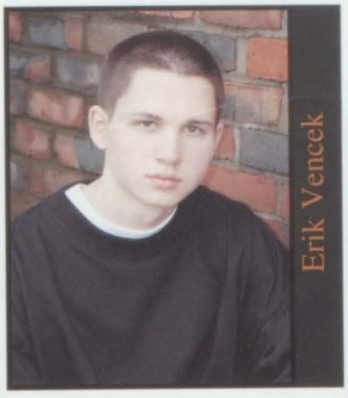
Allyssa Turck

Cheyenne Underwood

Brent Valentine

Trisha Vanderjagt

Stacey Vaughn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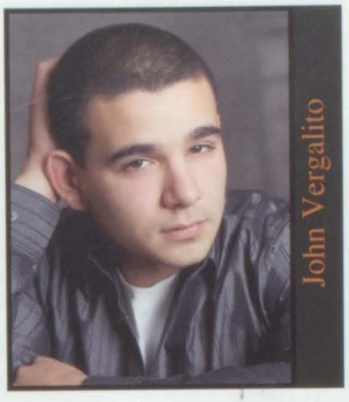

John Vergalito

David Waite

The greater the risk the greater the reward.

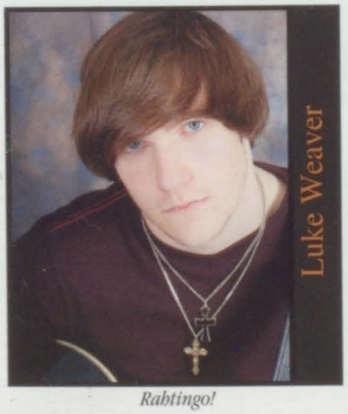
Kelly Warcup

A dream is a door to tomorrow.

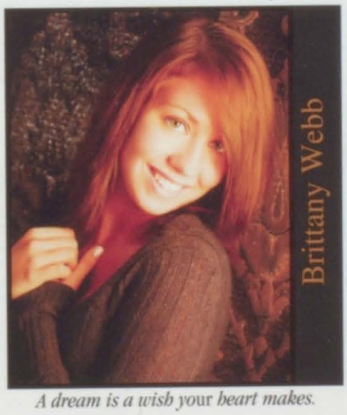
Nicole Wasco

Nicole Watts

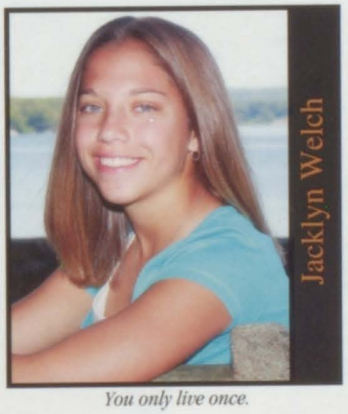
Michael Wazenkewitz


Luke Weaver

Rahtingo!


Brittany Webb

A dream is a wish your heart makes.


Jacklyn Welch

You only live once.

Tori Welch

When you see me soaring and the lights are screaming, you'll forget me not.

Senior Class of 2009

I can see blue... he looks glorious.

Timothy Wood

Robert Wilson

Gabrielle White

Christopher Westcott

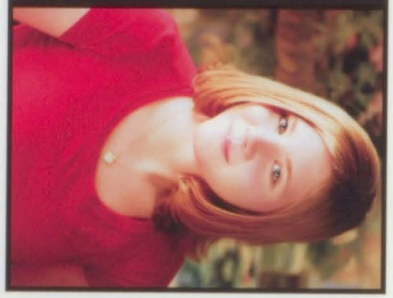
Luke Worlock

Nichole Wiltsie

Thomas Williams

Kayla Wheeler

Melissa Ziankoski



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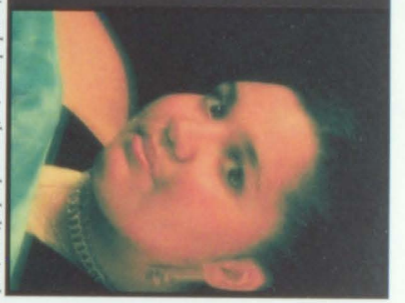
Ashley Wilson

Arianna White



The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams. Eleanor Roosevelt

Elizabeth Zobro

Buster Witt

Jessica Wilson

Corey White

You miss 100% of the shots you never take.

Nayomie Posello

Otis James III

Not pictured members of the Class of 2009

Aiello, John
Alam, Patrick
Aldaco, Brittany
Alerding, Sarah
Ball, Micheal
Bartell, Scott
Benedict, Brandon
Benjamin, Larry
Black, Ashley
Bowles, Eric Jr.
Bristol, Haley
Como, Brandi
Croniser, Richard Jr.
Cushman, Kelly
Darling, Samantha
Dehart, Robert
Dutcher, Robert
Fish, Heather
French, Zachary
Gifford, John
Hancock, Roy
Hancock, Ryan
Hellinger, Summer
Henriquez, Aramis
Hepworth, Patrick
Hinson, Drew
Hobdy, Ereibeah
Holeck, Robert
Jaegers, Daniel
James, Otis III
Janiga, Bryan
Jimenez, Francine
Jusino, Anthony
Kegley, Derek
Kierpiec, Zachariah
Kimball, Donald
Lamb, Tyler
Lewis, Micheal
Maitland, Daevon
Mcfadden, Elizabeth Ann
McQuinn, Matthew
Moonen, Joshua
Neiss, Karlie
Niebuhr, Casey
Nouvong, Timothy
Pereto, Luke
Pritchard, Stephen
Pugh, Daniel
Puma, Phillip
Randazzo, Felicia
Reyes, Dennis
Reyes, Rddie
Santos, Rivera Jr.
Roman, Donte
Russell, Alisha
Russell, Anthony
Scheideman, Sadie
Smith, Sugunida
Stephenson, Shawn
Thomas, Stephen
Underwood, Cynthia
Underwood, Dustin
Vaughn, Ashley
Vaughn, Bradley
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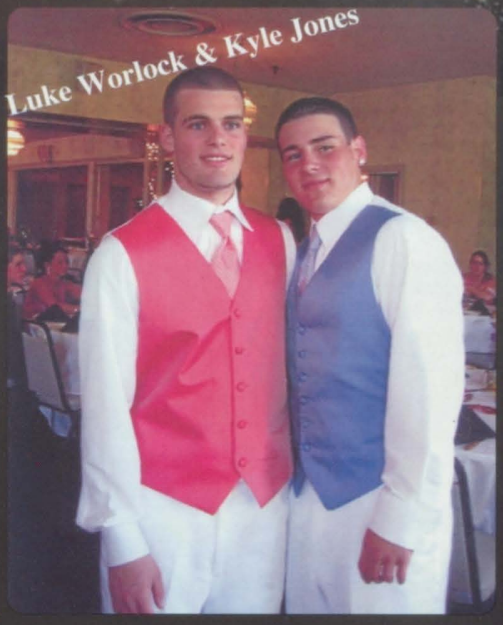
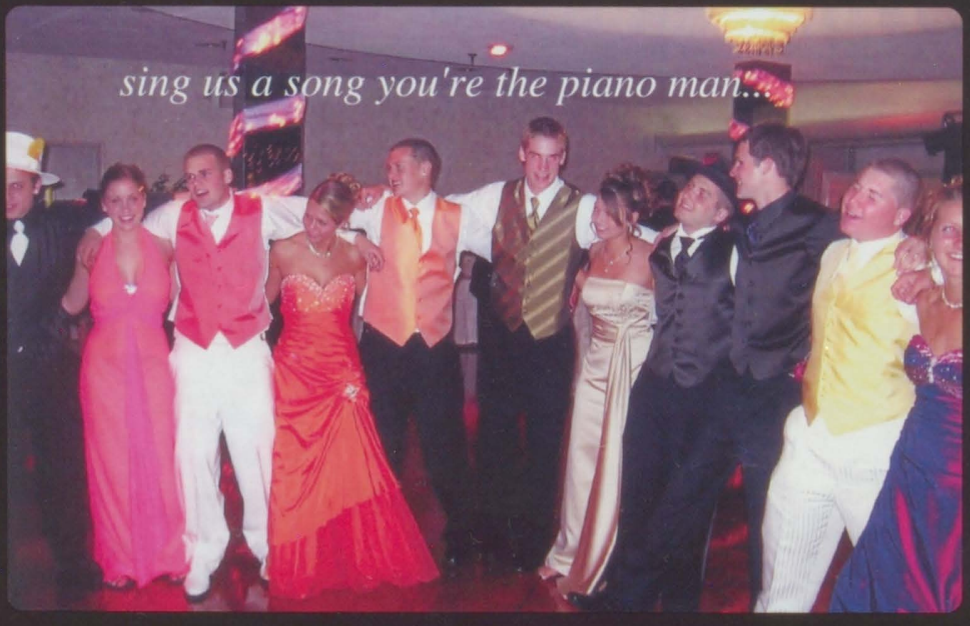
Whitmore, Jordan
Wilkes, Stephen
Wilson, Joy
Winters, Dustin
Zwiefach, Jamar



Jennifer Scuderi, Kaylin Page, Brandy Kotary, Audrey Duran, Michelle Baker
The queen and her court!

Who are these masked beauties?

Devyn Fisher and Josh Carter are pretty in pink.



Allyson Eggan, Danielle Phillips & Sarah Eggan

The boys get ready for a night of dancing!

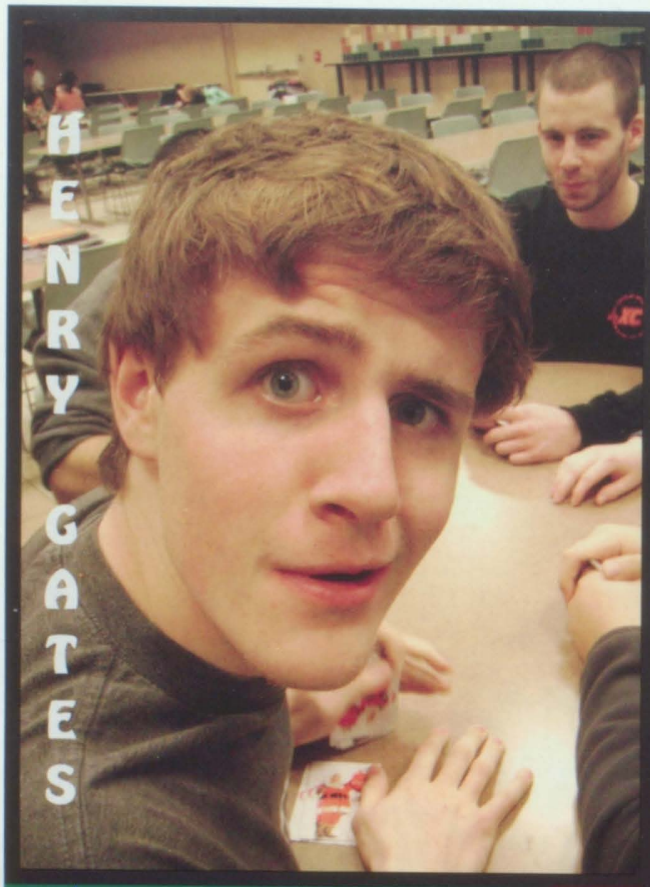
Gabrielle and Dana ride in style!

Marco Dominic, Corey White, Andrew Damore, Luke Worlock, Tim Ramos
The King and his court. Where are the jesters?

Kari Elia,Taylor Harding & Tess Niznik

Steve Pawlikowski, Gab White, Gabrielle Loreto, Trisha Vanderjagt , Dana LaBouef, Paul Colangelo

Carissa Thompson is as lovely as her rose.



Class of 2009

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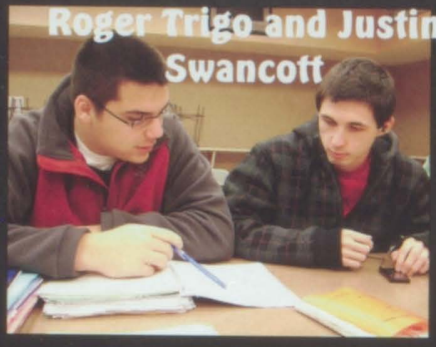
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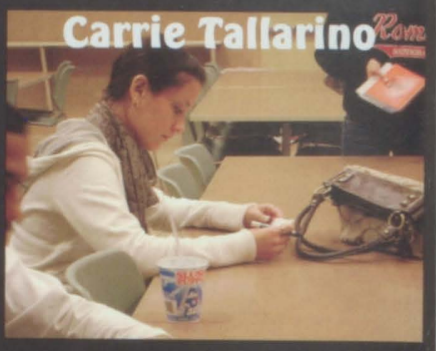
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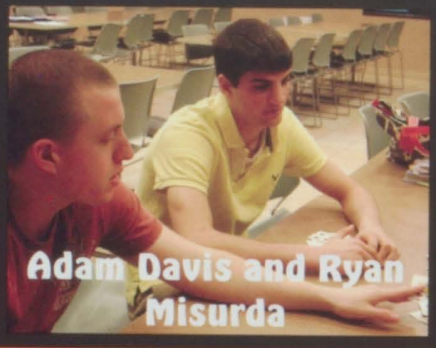
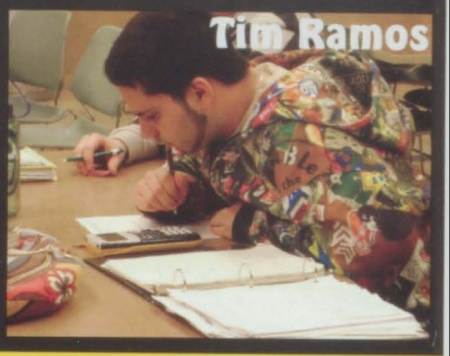

Adam Davis and Ryan Misurda


Tim Ramos

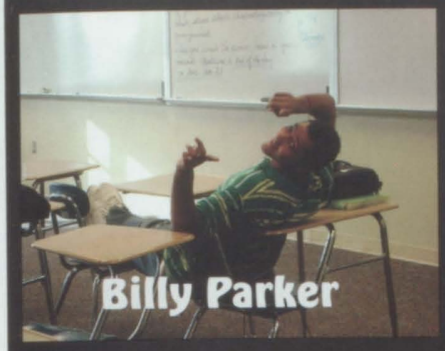
Ready to ROCK!

Silly seniors in senior studyhall

Patrick Ray

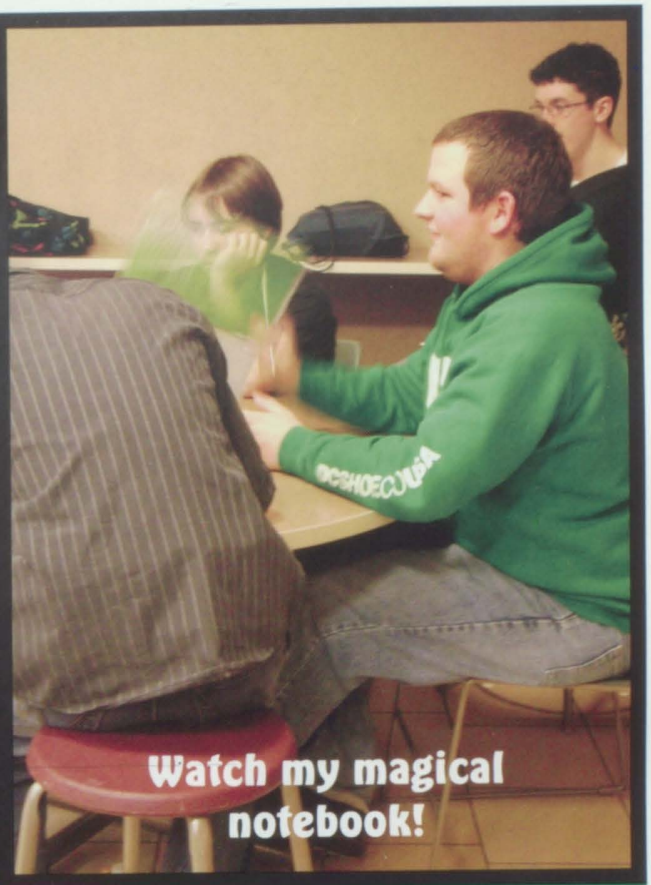
CANDIDS

SENIORS RULE!



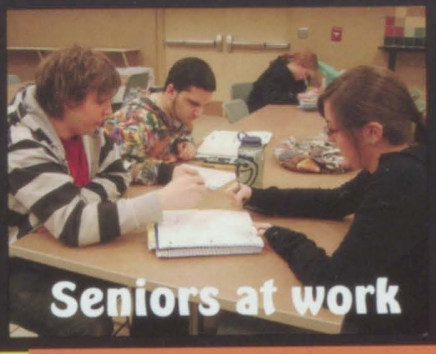
Billy Parker

Chris Destitio and Ray Lanzi



Watch my magical notebook!

Kristy Richardson and Dustin Swiss



Seniors at work

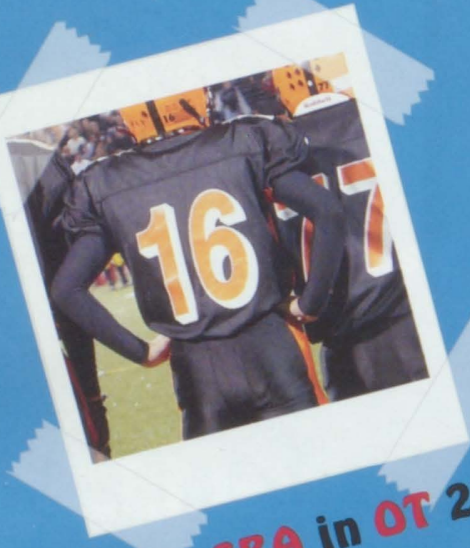
Ready to ROLL!

Sam Shaver

Nicole Bialobreski

Remember

The CNS track meet with the pretzel. Always fighting like we were an old married couple...



Everyone was in love with Edward Cullen.

We went to the mayday parade show,homecoming, prom, weekends with friends and summer break.

When school was fun?...I DON'T!!

RFA beat CBA in OT 27-26!

I stole the cactus, and in general I just ruled the world.

Boces bus with Ed. Yip Skip Chip Lip Skip.

"With the eyes!!" , we would stand by the pole and wait FOR DAYS!!

" Sing us a song, you're the piano man, Sing us a song tonight. Well, we're in the mood for a melody. And you've got us feeling all right " - Billy Joel ; Everyone sang this at Junior Prom.

I kicked myself out of my chair during lunch to prove you guys wrong, then shoved the apple in my mouth.

All of the cold walks up the hill!

This!

Senior Superlative Winners

Class Flirt- Neil Janes and Deanna Dearo

Teacher's Pet- Ray Seymour and Amelia Casalenuovo

Most Changed since freshman year- Doug Cope and Nicole Bialobreski

Most Athletic- Marco Dominic, Corey White, and Lyndsey Brognano

Quietest- Brian Staufer, Corey White, and Katie Matt

Most Outspoken- Peter Monahan and Kaitlin Smith

Best Smile- Trevor Brockway and Rachel Feldman

Everybody's Buddy- Mario Gomez and Jackie Welch

Nicest Eyes- Ryan Cooke and Trisha Vanderjagt

Most Gullible- Mike Gilbert and Kayla Holmes

Best Sense of Humor- Tim Ramos and Emma Duchesneau

Most School Spirit- Mario Gomez and Deanna Dearo

Worse Case of Senioritis- Tommy Williams and Alex Towne

Best Car- Timmy Ramos and Gab Loreto

Most likely to succeed- Brian Staufer and Coral Carpenter

Most likely to be late for Graduation- Franco Dimarco and Stephanie Tardugno

Most likely to make you smile- Danny Smith and Sarah Eggan

Most distinctive smile- Henry Gates and Tiffany Rotach

Most likely to trip up the stairs- Roger Trigo, David Waite, and Danielle DiSalvio

Most likely to become president- Amit Goel and Megan Montana

Most likely to get kicked out of a hockey game- Ray Lanzi and Kristen Metzger

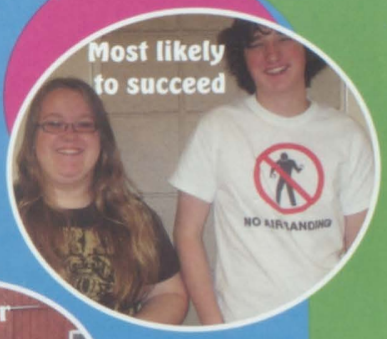
Most likely to get upset if they don't win a superlative- Zach Ciccoti and Michelle Baker

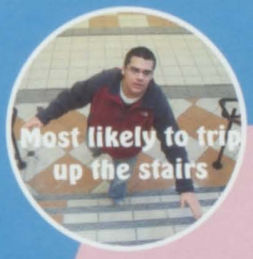
Most likely get their cell phone taken away- Zach Ciccoti and Ashley Baker

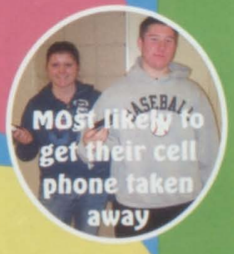
Most Laid Back- Nick Tallarino and Chelsea Knudsen

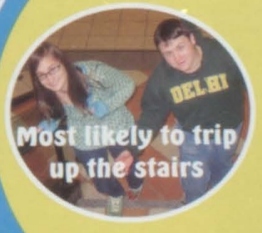
Most likely to become an RFA Teacher- Alex Newby, Robert Kohlbrenner, and Paige Diberardino

Most likely to be on Broadway- Jair Linder, Nick Mellace, and Tiffany Rotach









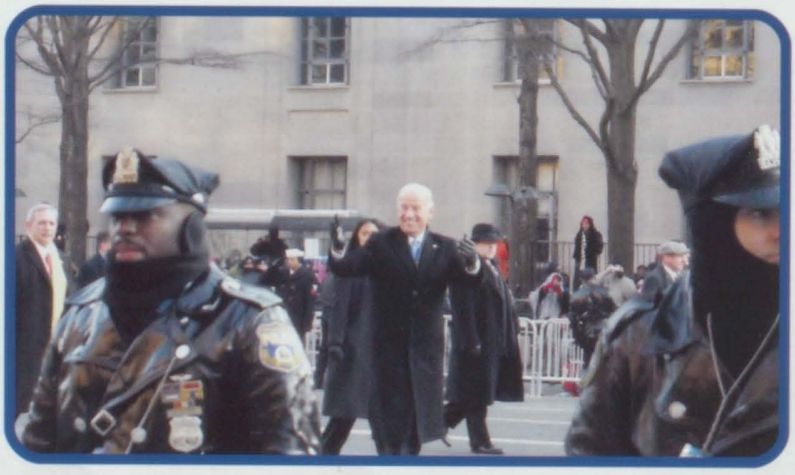
Inauguration Trip 2009

Photo By: Junior Jeremy Aiello

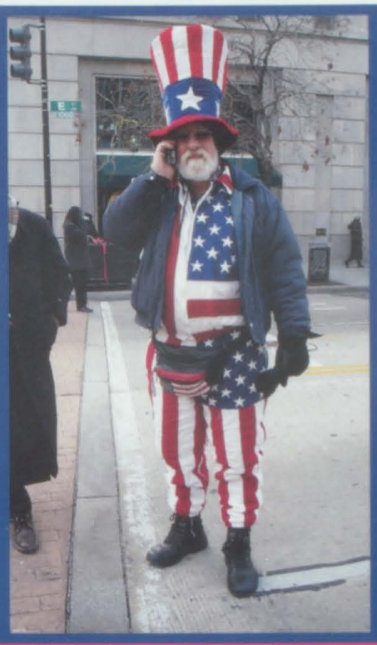
President Barack Obama

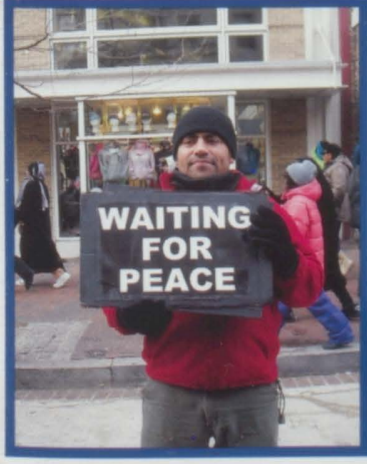
Over thirty RFA Students were able to witness history in the making at the 2009 Inauguration Ceremony with the election of the first black president. Students and chaperones were just yards away from President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden as they walked by in the parade. Although the temperature was frigid, the sun happened to be shining down on this most glorious day.

The students embarked on their journey to Washington D.C. Monday January 19th and stopped by Gettysburg, Pennsylvania to brush up on their history. The next morning bright and early students gathered at the train station to head into downtown Washington. Arrival time was approximately 8 am and students left that evening at 5 pm. This day will be long remembered by millions. Proudly, RFA was a part of this day.



Vice President Joe Biden




WAITING
FOR
PEACE

JUNIORS 2010

We walked through these doors just three short years ago. As this year comes to a close, we are one step closer to being seniors and one step closer to becoming adults. We are almost through with our high school career and have learned much and matured greatly. We will end this year with great sadness as well as great joy as we prepare for our senior year of high school. Next year we will have our last first day of high school as we begin our final year at RFA. It is then that we will experience our last pep rally, our last homecoming, our last Heat of Fusion, and finally our very last day of high school. However, with so many lasts comes so many firsts; our first day of high school as a senior, our first senior ball, the first time we can look around and say that we, as seniors, are at the top of the food chain. So many changes have taken place within us throughout our time at RFA. We really have matured and we no longer are the wide eyed freshmen we once were. Now we are juniors, and we are "The Next Big Thing."

THE NEXT BIG THING

Junior Class Officers: Treasurer Shelli Ann Jenson, Secretary Kara Popovich, Vice President Mark Tardugno, and President Shelby Bird.

Joe Fitzgerald, Dylan Famolaro, and Sam Alder work together on the float before half time at the homecoming game against Henniger. This year's float theme was Disney movies and these three juniors helped work on the Toy Story homecoming float.

Juniors

Kara Foote

David Daniels

Alex M. and Amanda K.

Matt Leggett

Alex Santamore

Cameron Hall

Abel, Dylan
Abel, Seth
Abone, Timothy
Aboumrad, Mark
Aiello, Jeremy
Alder, Samantha
Anderson, Porshia

Andrews, Zachary
Angelicola, Nicolas
Arcuri, Alexander
Armstrong, Adreonna
Armstrong, Luke
Armstrong, Marissa
Askew, Cayla

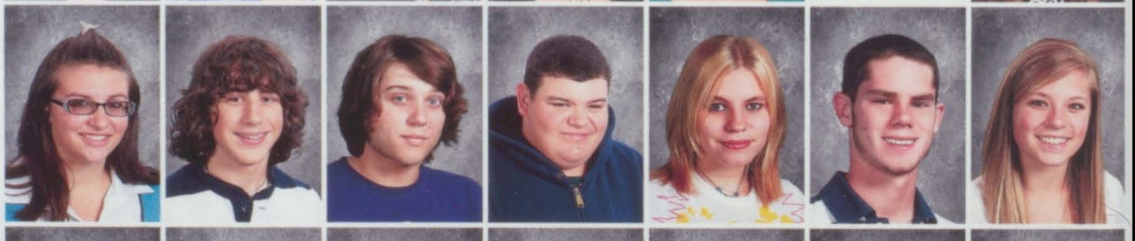
Ayala, Victor
Backus, Jenna
Baker, Hilary
Barnaby Jr., John
Barrigar, Clarissa
Barringer, Kaitlyn
Bator, Travis

Beach, Morgan
Beckwith, Desiree
Beckwith, Jessica
Behlin, Michelle
Benfey, Kelly
Bielby, Brendon
Bird, Sean

★ I Will ★

Bird, Shelby
Blanchard, Nicole
Bodley, Olivia
Bohning, Onofria
Bojanek, Erin
Bolivar, Branden
Bonadio, Brittany

Bongiorno-Halpin, Alexandrea
Bowers, Noah
Bowman, Andrew
Boyd, Richard
Brazie, Betty
Brement, Nicholas
Broadbent, Ashley



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Burdick, Kevin
Bush, Sherry
Butler, Donald
Butters, Tyler

Campbell, Evan
Campbell, Mirra
Caporilli, Keenan
Capria, Anthony
Carlson, Gage
Carman, Jessica
Carpenter, Paige

Carter, Corey
Castro, Vincente
Cehfus, Joh'lene
Charney, Hannah
Chester, Sierra
Ciaccia, Nicole
Clark, Mason

Claypool, Jamilla
Clifford, Nicholas
Coccia, Vincent
Coffman, Eileen
Colangelo, Paul
Coleman, Emily
Coleman, Timothy

Come, Shelby
Cook, Cody
Coonrod, Corey
Costello, Jazmin
Costello, Matthew
Cotronea, Andrew
Crippen, Jeffery

Cutler, Joshua
Dainotto, Antoinette
Daniello, Christopher
Daniels, David
Danielski, Ryan
Dashnaw, Randi
Davidson, Donald

James Finnie

Allie Gill

Alyssa McLean and Kyle Kimball

Never Forget

Davis, Brittany
Davis, Kathryne
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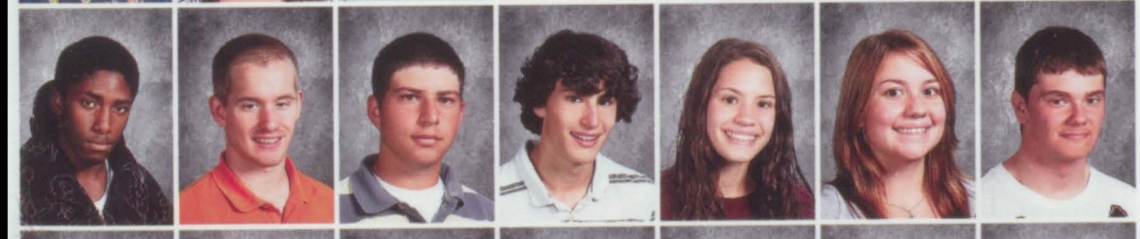
Decker, Paul
Decker, Tyler
Degeorge, Daniel
Dejean, Anthony



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Dempsey, Eamon
Dewey, Kagen
Dibella, Olivia
Dibert, Kathryn
Diehl, Joshua

Dimaggio, Dominic
Dimaggio, Karrah
Dixon, Nicholas
Dooley, Paige
Drake, Krysteena-Rose
Duran, Haley
Dutcher, Katrina

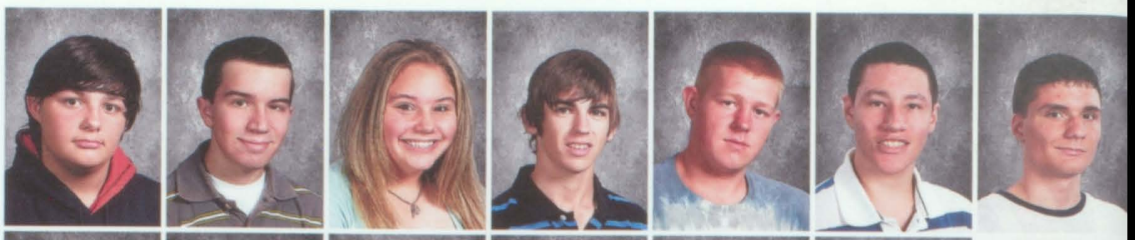
Edick, Nathan
Eggan, Andreana
Eldred, Justin
Ellinger, Carissa
Endres, Michael
Entelisano, Melanie
Famolaro, Dylan

Kagen Dewey

Tim Slenker

Stacey G. and Sherry B.

Fancher, Frank
Feener, Bryan
Feole, Marissa
Fifield, Christopher
Finley, Patrick
Finneman, Andrew
Finnie, James



Finster, Bruce
Fitzgerald, Joseph
Flanigan, Gabrielle
Flanigan, Kristen
Foley, Erica
Foote, Kara

"What a year we have had..."

Mother-daughter bonding at the game!

I Will

Ford, Ann
Ford, Zachary
Forster, Jacob
Foster, Courtney
Fountain, Charles
Frank, Joseph
Froelich, Ethan

Jake Quattrini

Fuller, Challice
Gaetano, Gina
Gamble, Nicole
Gatto, Anthony
Gifford, Melody
Gill, Alyssandra
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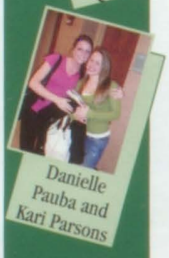

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Gonzalez, Ivelis
Gonzalez, Lyann
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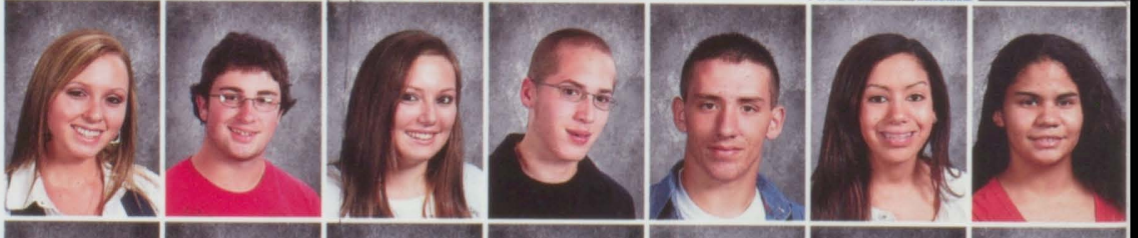
Goodman, Jesse
Grant, Tamara

Jordan Murray

Gray, Nikolas
Greenwood, Stacey
Gressel, Megan
Grogan, Whitney
Gymburch, Thomas
Hall, Cameron
Hammond, Nyoka

Marissa Feole

Hash, Amanda
Hatzinger, Zachery
Hayes, Rachel
Hecox, Daniel
Hemphill, Zackary
Henriquez, Siera
Hernandez, Destiny



Annmarie Weber

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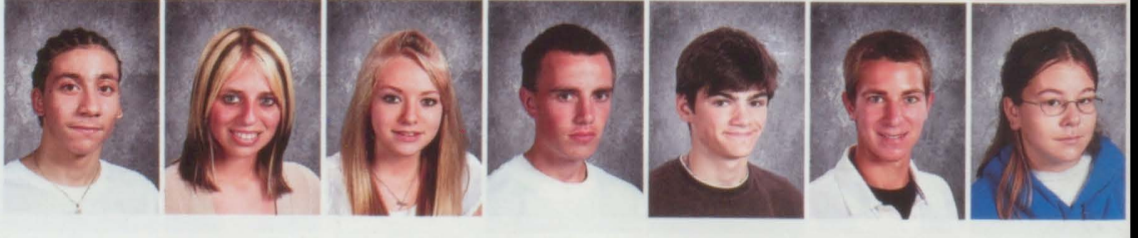
Hoffman, Jordon
Hojnacki, Richard
Holeck, Tesla



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Huff, Courtney
Humphrey II, Robbin
Hung, Adrian

Hutchinson, Nicole
Iacone, Gianna
Ingham, Amanda
Jackson, Kaley
Jeagers, Daniel
Jeagers, Darren
Jardines, Kasandra

Never Forget

Cassie Seifert & Nick Brement

Jaynes, Donald
Jensen, Shelli
Johnson, Hannah
Johnson, James
Johnson, Jasmine
Jones, Amber
Joyce, Zachary

Gabrielle Flanigan

Kaier, Amanda
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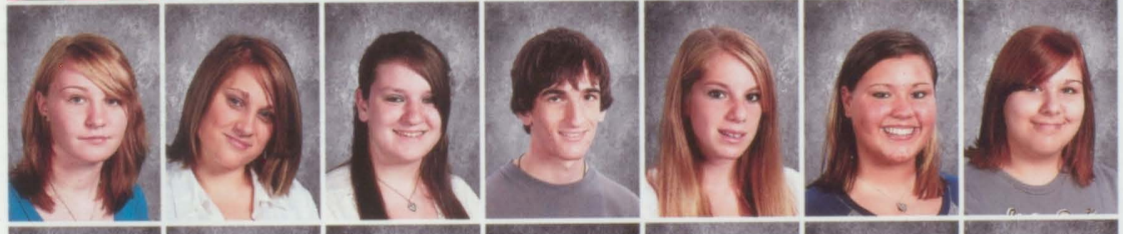
Kimball, Kyle
Kimball, Wayne

Kati Tan



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Challice Fuller

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Kerbs, Mallory
Lacey, Amy
Langdon, Matthew
Last, Carrie
Lattimore, Sarita
Lauricella, Katia

Sam Nouvong

Lawson, Meghan
Leggett, Matthew
Lennon, Cody
Li, Kevin
Libby, Jessica
Liddy, Brandon
Linderman, Geoffery

Jackie Thompson & Skye Tonner

Lindsey, Taurean
Look, Jessica
Loson, Lindsay
Losowski, Jake
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Madonia, Cody

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Manuele, Diane
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Martorell, Shane
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McGill, Aneyia
McLean, Alyssa
McMay, Alexandra
McNatt, Devon

Christy Sirni

McNichol, Mason
McZeal, Sage
Medlin, Alexander
Mellace, Frank
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Merchant, Mark
Messenger, Margaret

Messer, Kristine
Metott, Jensen
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Mezza, Deanna
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Millner, Ashley

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Mitchell, John
Montijo, Angelica
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Morgan, Zachary
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Namyslo, Marek

Jason Riggleman

Nobis, Kelsey
Nouvong, Samantha
Occhipinti, Dona
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Owen, Kevin
Ozuna, Charlotte

Colburn Sherwood

Chelsea P. & Paige D.

Pacheco, David
Pacicca, Eric
Padron, Pilar
Paquette, Paige
Parsons, Chelsea
Parsons, Kari
Pasqualetti, David

Pasqualetti, Joseph
Pauba, Danielle
Pawlikowski, Randy
Pegues, Miranda
Perez, Kimberly
Peroni, Daniel
Perrigo, Renee

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Pitkin, Rafhanah
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Popovich, Kara
Powell, Kaci

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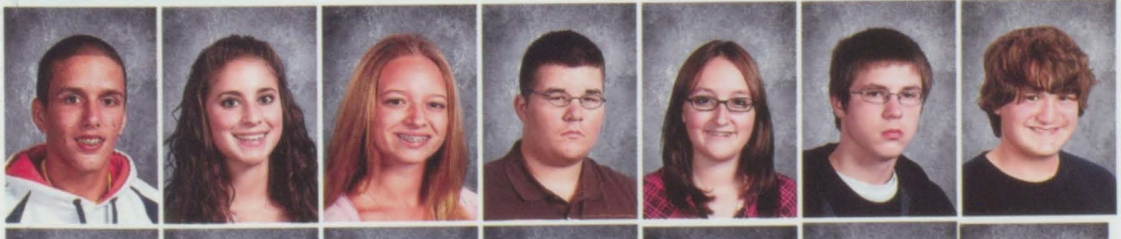

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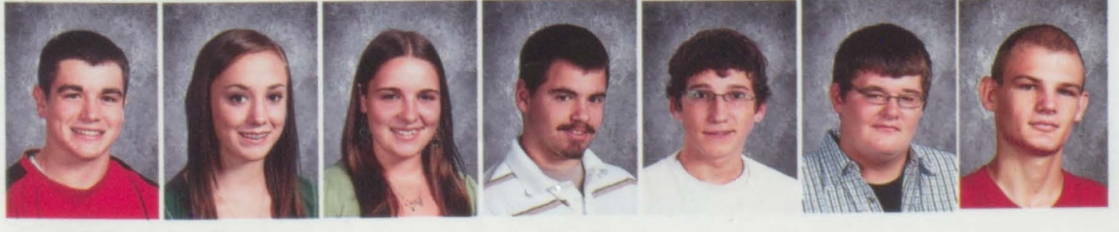

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Chelsea Holz

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Smith Jr., Glen
Smith, Kayla
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Smith, Sierra
Snyder, Katelyn
Southwell, Sarah

Stacy Spindler
Stanford Jr., Shawn
Stapleton, Erica
Stevens, Matthew
Stone, Jenny
Storms, Dominic
Striker, Lindsey

Stubba, Kaitlyn
Suter, Jacqueline
Swancott, Jessica
Swancott, Joseph
Swanson, Karina
Sweet, Nicholas
Swinney, Brandon

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Joe Fitzgerald

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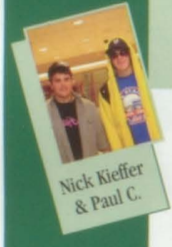

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Torres, Brandon

Kelly B. & Erica S.

Towne, Holly
Townsend, Brett
Townsend, Brian
Trento, Mirranda
Underwood, Maranda
Urbanik, John
Valdes, Antonio

Hannah C. & Kara P.

Wade, Alexis
Wade, Zachary
Wakeman, Edward
Walker, Jamie
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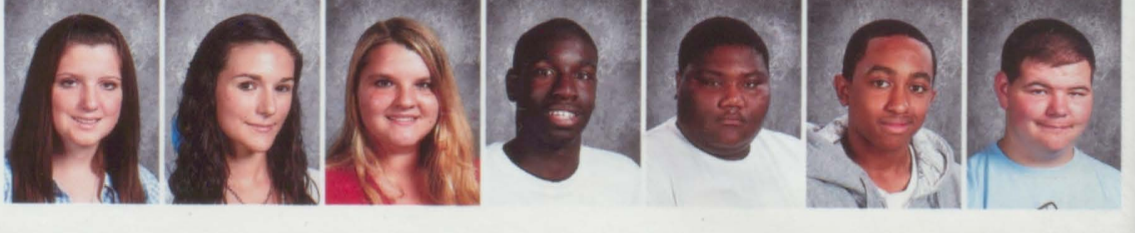

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Witzigman, Kelsey
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Wright, Desarae

We Won't Forget...

Alyssa Archer, Joseph Blanchard III, Daniel Bush, Miranda Cania, Ashley Church, Mark Consiglio, Codi Decker, Ashley Dibble, Sam Dickson, Tanya Dosztan, Lorenzo Dugger, Hilary Dunham, Camille Dyous, Katrina Felker, Jonathan Hallenback, Luis Irizarry, Jordan Murray, Daniel O'Brien, Shante Puchyr, Nina Reed, Shauna Sullivan, Rudie Swinney, Sasha Watts

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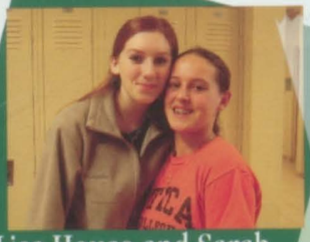
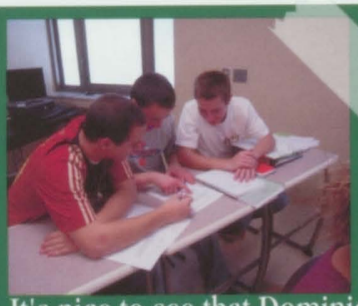
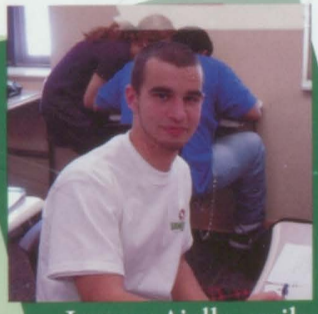


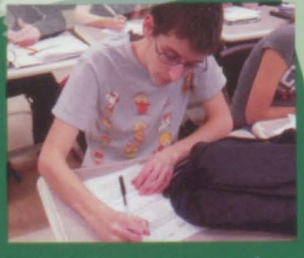
Lisa House and Sarah Southwell are caught in the hall in between classes.



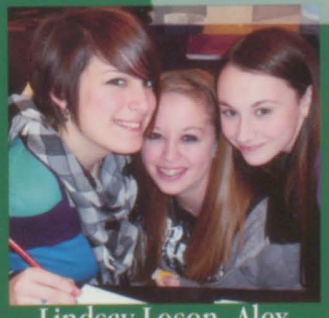
It's nice to see that Dominic D., Frank M., and R.J. are hard at work in physics class.



Jeremy Aiello smiles for a picture in History class.



Tyler Butters works on homework in his free time.



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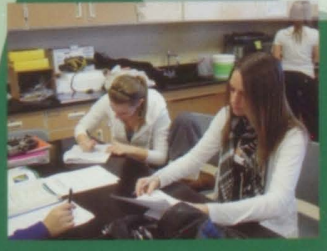


Chelsea P. and Danielle P. work on labs in Science

Aidan Slagle

Kayla T. & Amanda M.

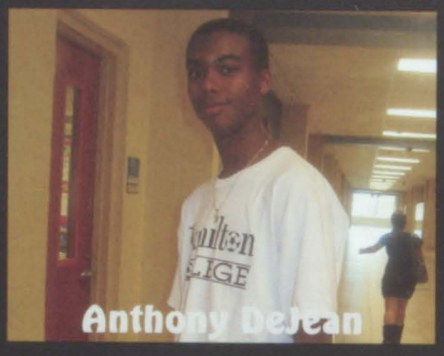
Tommy Gymburch

Josh Morgan

Brittany Bonadio

Junior

Lisa House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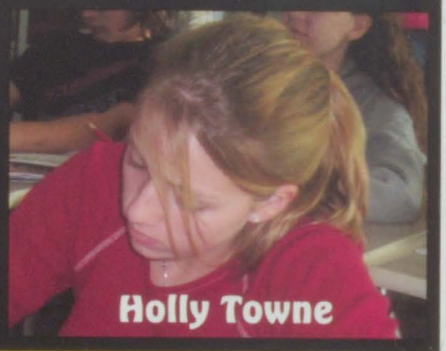
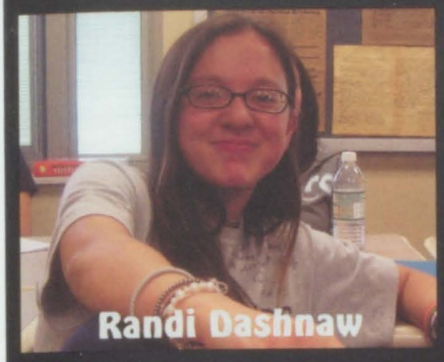

Holly Towne

GET Ready For

Jenny Stone

Taurean Lindsey

Candids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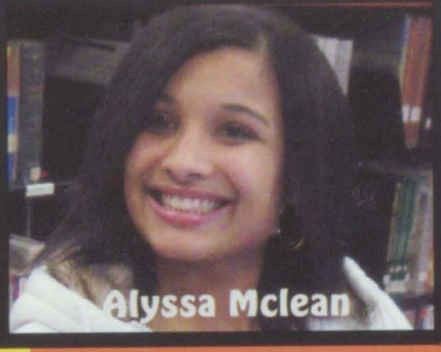
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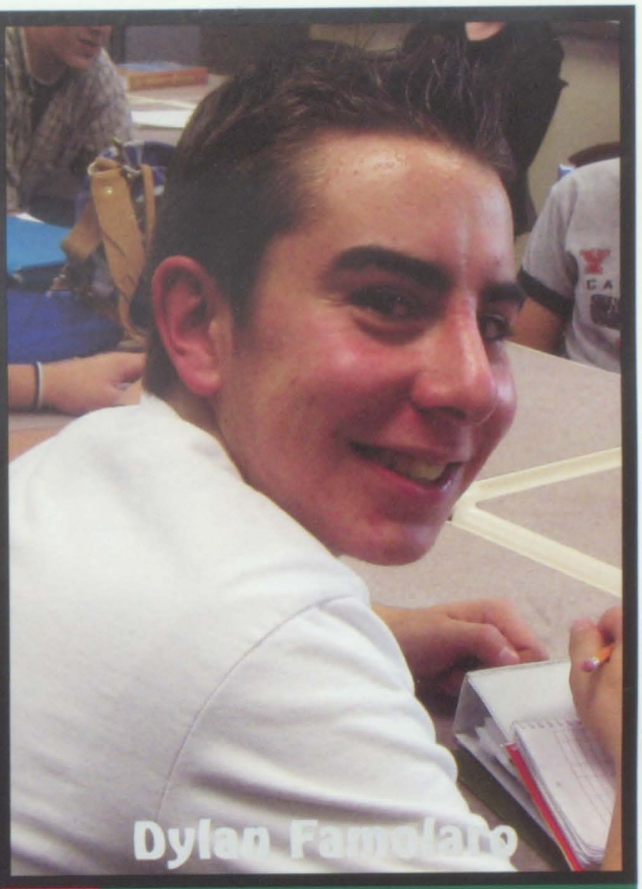
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Your Last Year

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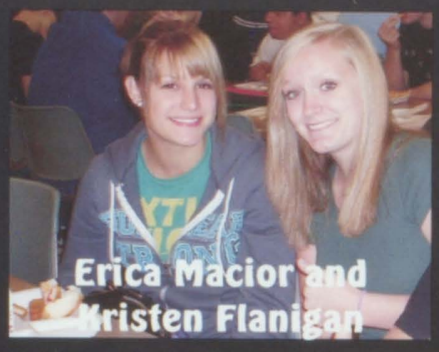
Evan Campbell

Junior



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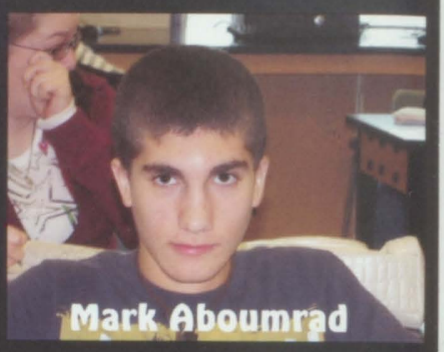
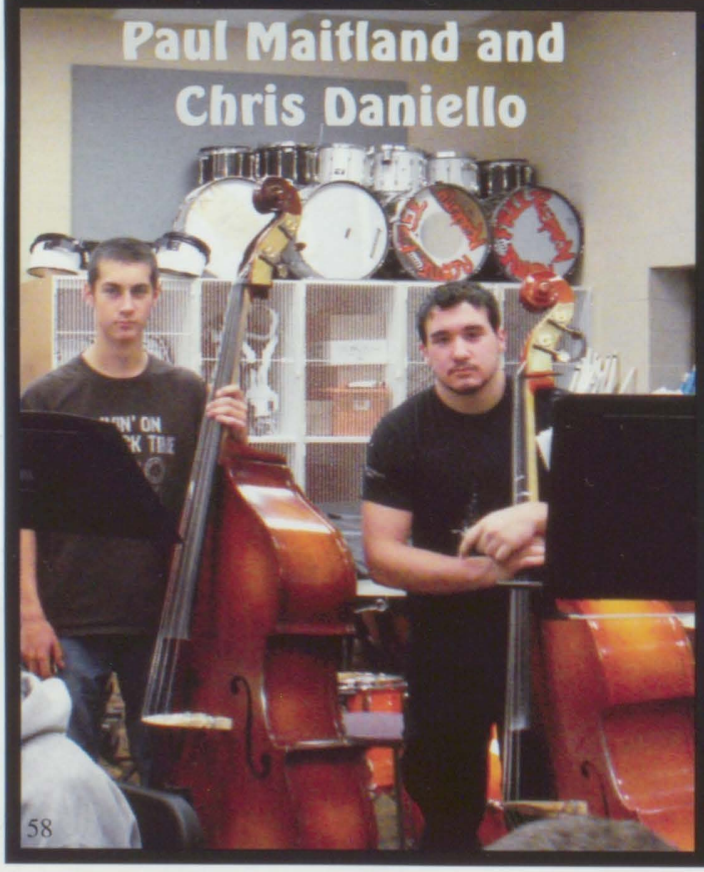


Mark Aboumrad

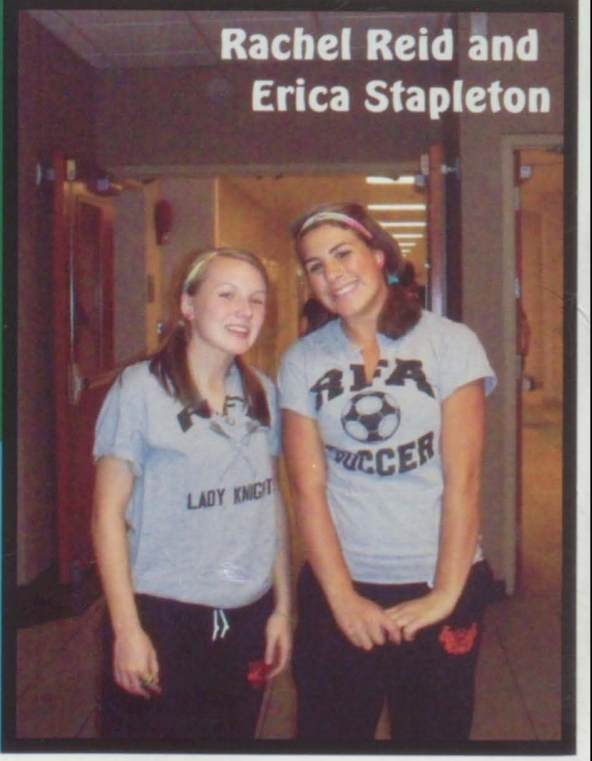
Katia Lauricella and Stacy Spindler

Paige Carpenter and Rebecca Petrie

Only one more



Paul Maitland and Chris Daniello



Rachel Reid and Erica Stapleton

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Candids

Krista Wolfe

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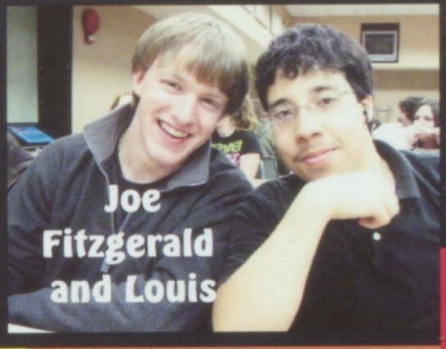
Jensen Metott


Joe Fitzgerald and Louis

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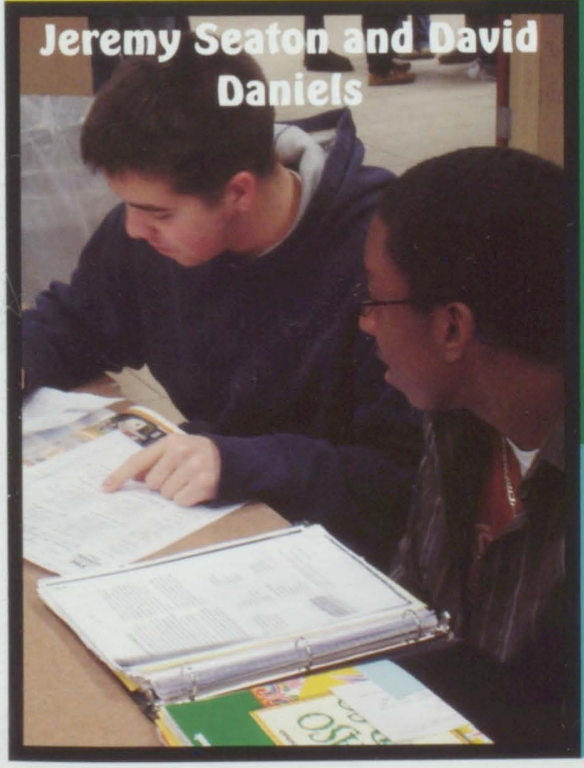
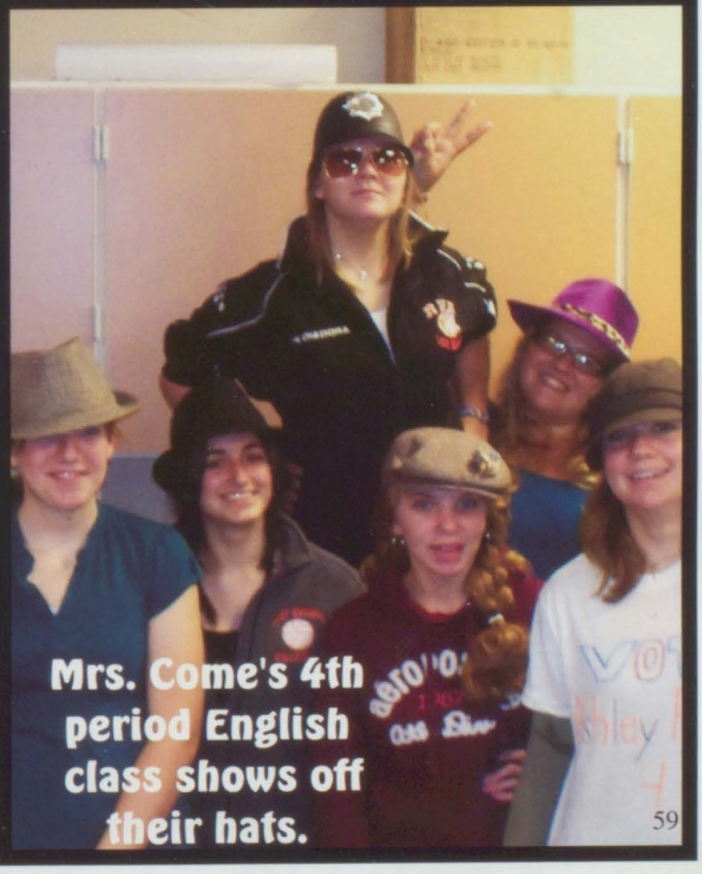

Jeremy Seaton and David Daniels


Mrs. Come's 4th period English class shows off their hats.

SOPHOMORES

2011

On Our Way

With the completion of this year, we are halfway through high school with so much to look forward to. No longer the youngest in the building, we are now familiar with the teachers, principals, hallways, and everything else that makes RFA so much different than all the schools before it. Among some of the things we, as sophomores, enjoy the most are being able to go to football and hockey games. The semis are a great time, too, and make us look forward to having the Junior Prom in 2010. This year the entire sophomore class took the PSAT as part of the GEARUP Program that we are fortunately a part of as well as heard many great speakers who came to visit our school. There are so many amazing times ahead!

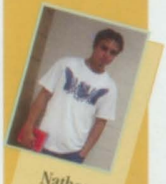
★ Sophomore Class Officers: President Brittany Bartlett, Vice President William Monahan, Secretary Sean Feener, Treasurer Alex Felice ★

Like father, like daughter! It's easy to see where President Brittany Bartlett gets her sense of humor and great smile. Brittany and Dad, Coach Bartlett, physical education teacher and class advisor, goof around a bit during float building for Homecoming 2008.

Sophomores

Kaitlyn Dupont

Brandon Bertrand



Nathan Puccio

Audreanna Disburger

Aboumrad, Maya
Acevedo, Stephanie
Agosto, Michael
Aiello, Daniel
Aldrich, Bradley
Aldrich, Corrie
Aldrich, Theresa

Allen, Branden
Amann, Aaron
Amici, Kirsten
Anderson, Patrick
Anderson, Tevin
Apgar, Krisa
Arnold, Jenna

Augello, Jessica
Ball, Jessica
Ballard, Tabatha
Barber, Brandon
Bardo, Miles
Barker, Lisa
Barnes, Brittany

Barretta, Matthew
Bartell, Max
Bartlett, Brittany
Bauer, Collen
Beatty, Brandon
Beckwith, Kyle
Bendall, Lauren

Benjamin, Judith
Bereza, John
Bertrand, Brandon
Bertrand, Danielle
Bledsoe, Haley
Bledsoe, Kayla
Bochniak, Laura

Boisen, Samantha
Bragg, Vincent
Britton, Tyler
Broughton, Erika
Bruce, Derek
Budlong, Brandon
Bullock, Lindsey

Memories

Domingo Pierce

Burk, Nicole
Burke, Sarah
Butkiewicz, Robert
Cacciatori, Kelsey
Cameron, Adam
Campanaro, Theresa
Camuglia, Rosario

Cardwell, Trevor
Carman, Melanie
Carter, Tyreik
Cassese, John
Castro, Juan
Cataldo, Kelsey
Catello, Nicholas

Centro, Eric
Champion, Beverly
Champlin, Carolyn
Chen, Kevin
Chesebro III,Jack
Chesebro,Ariel
Childs, Christopher

Christina, Pedro
Cignarale, Nicholas
Clark, James
Cole, Kathleen
Coleman, Brett
Coleman, Brytny
Come, Kelsey

Forever

Conover Jr., Richard
Consiglio, Mary-Ellen
Coonrod, Bobby
Coonrod, Clayton
Copen, John
Cordero, Jonathan
Coriale, Anthony

Costello, Dakota
Cox, Bret
Crippen, Alyssa
Crofoot, Jacob
Danielski, Tyler
Darois, Danielle
Davis, Alisabeth

Davis, Dakota
Davis, Dylan
Deblasiis, Andrew
DeHart, Briana
Demitro, Amanda
Derrick, Connor
Desjardins, Seth

DiSalvo, Lisa
Diskson, Samuel
Disburger, Audreanna
Dolan, Taylor
Domenico, Mya
Donovan, Samantha
Draper, Trevor

Driscoll, Michael
Dupont, Kaitlyn
Eastup, Sheena
Edwards, Jessica
Egelston, Christian
Eggan, Allyson
Eichhorn, Joshua

Eleuteri, Brittany
Emmanuele, Christina
Enos, Makenzi
Enslin, Ryan
Ensminger, Kelli
Ernenwein, Sierra
Ernst, Naline

Jillian Gardner

Go Team!

Matt Baretta

Melanie Polivka

Game Time !

Amber Schwenning

Chelsea L. and Marissa G.

Falcone, Nicholas
Falitico, Vincent
Fall, Elise
Fanelli, Ryan
Fazekas, Kelsey
Feener, Sean
Feldman, Tyler

Felice, Alex
Feole, Aleesha
Ferlo, Alexandria
Fernandez, Adrian
Ferris, Michael
Fey, Felicia
Fiorenza, Allyson

Fish Jr., Thomas
Fletcher, Kristopher
Fletcher, Michael
Flint, Kelsey
Foley, Sarah
Fontana, Laura
Ford, Ian-Mitchell

Frank, Christopher
French, Jenna
Fuller, Desiree
Furney, Alexandra
Gadwaw, Daniel
Gallagher, Selina
Gambrel, Jamal

Memories

Britany and Tia talking in lunch.

Kirsten A. & Cameron T.

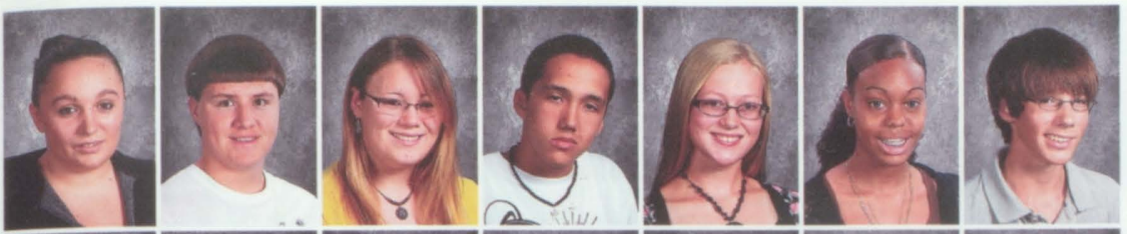
Kyle Pelano

Gardner, Jillian
Garmany, Sarah
Gaudin, Ronald
Geary, Dillan
Gentile, Christopher
Gentile, Scott
Gentile, Shane

Gerace, Dominick
Giczkowski, Kurt
Gill, Marissa
Glantz, David
Goodmore, Alicia
Gosier, Patrick
Gotti, Anthony

Gotti, Ryan
Grago, Jenna
Grant, Lee
Gratch, Dylan
Graveline-Porter, Taylor
Gressel, James
Griffiths, Ayla

Griggs, Dominique
Grosso, Zachary
Gydesen, Jade
Hall, Morghan
Hammond, Katherine
Harvey, Michael
Hash, Kyle



Haskell, Kristina
Hemshrot, Kenneth
Henderson, Samantha
Henderson, Vincent
Hensley, Shaelene
Hernandez, Ariel
Hildreth, Matthew

Hoffmeister, Lindsay
Holst, Taylor
Holzberger, Jeffrey
Holzberger, Michael
Holser, Raymond
Houck, April
Howard, Patrick

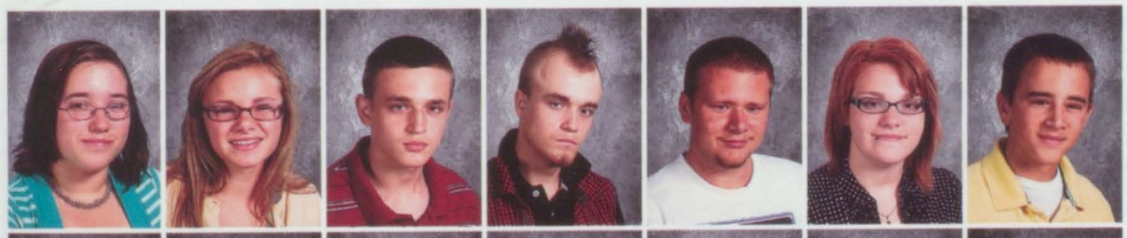
Hughes, Delaney
Hughes, Matthew
Hunt Jr., Robert
Hunt, Paul
Husband, Kayla
Hyer, Robert
Iacone, Alexa

Ingalls, Amanda
Internicola, Steven
Jadoo, Sean
Janes, Brittany
Janes, Garrett
Jarvis, Nicholas
Jaynes, Joshua

Devante Marchall

Paige Taylor

Forever



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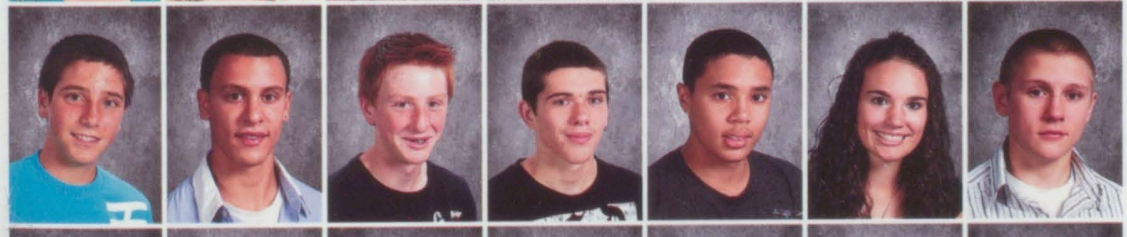
Jeannotte, De'anna
Joanis, Thomas
Joanis, Timothy
Jones, Christopher
Jones, Coty
Jones, Joshua



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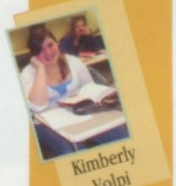
Katchmar, Joseph
Kelsey, Jonathon
Kerr, Michael
Kieffer, Nicole
Kierpiec, Nathaniel

Kitson, Stephanie
Klepadlo, Gina
Knecht, Brittany
Kraeger, Jessica
Krawiec, Megan
Kristensen, Simon
Kulesa, Kendra

Kuzmack, Katlyn
Laclaire, Stephen
Lamascolo, Martina
Lamay, Stephanie
Land, Chelsea
Langdon, Matt
Lapolt, Kevin

Kirsten Amici



Kimberly Volpi

Melanie Polivki

Lavine, Gina
Leonard, Bruce
Levensailor, Arthur
Lokker, Sarah
Lombino, Joseph
Luce, Christine
Lux, Jacob

Mackey, Ericka
MaClaughlin, Taylor
Maiolo, Joshuwa
Maloney, Gavin
Marchione, Kegan
Marshall, Devante
Martin, Zebadiah

Kevin Chen measures for physics.

Martinelli, Zachery
Mata, Stephanie
Matthews, Alexis
Maxfield, Brian
McEwan, Jac
McNamara, Rachel
McNatt, Dillion

Kat Hammond creates a masterpiece.

McQuinn, Megan
Mendoza, Megan
Merck, Audrey
Metzger, Tricia
Miller, Sarah
Mims Jr., Larhan
Monahan, William

Zachary Oppito

Moore, Taylor
Moran, Anthony
Mott, Katherine
Mucha, William
Murphy, Derek
Murphy, Samantha
Narolis, Hunter

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Nester, Katrina
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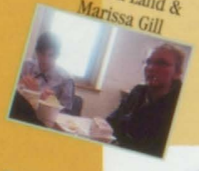
Nitti, Katelyn
Nobis, Stanley
Norman, Heather
Nowicki, Joseph
Olivo, Isaiah



Chelsea Land & Marissa Gill

Memories

Mackenzi Vanslyke loves her water!

Oppito, Zachary
Pallay, Lindsay
Pasqualetti, Mia
Patnode, Paige
Patterson, Amy
Paulsen, David
Pelano, Kyle

Pettinelli, Taylor
Pfeiffer, Derek
Phelps, Christa
Phelps, Victoria
Philley, Timothy
Phillips, Michael
Pierce, Domingo

Pilgreen, Joshua
Pitkin, Rafidah
Polivka, Melanie
Pollard, Manuel
Pomilio, Samuel
Portner, Rose
Potter, Cheryl

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Powonsky, Korynn
Pratt, Tyler
Puccio, Nathan
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Race, Allison
Race, Samantha

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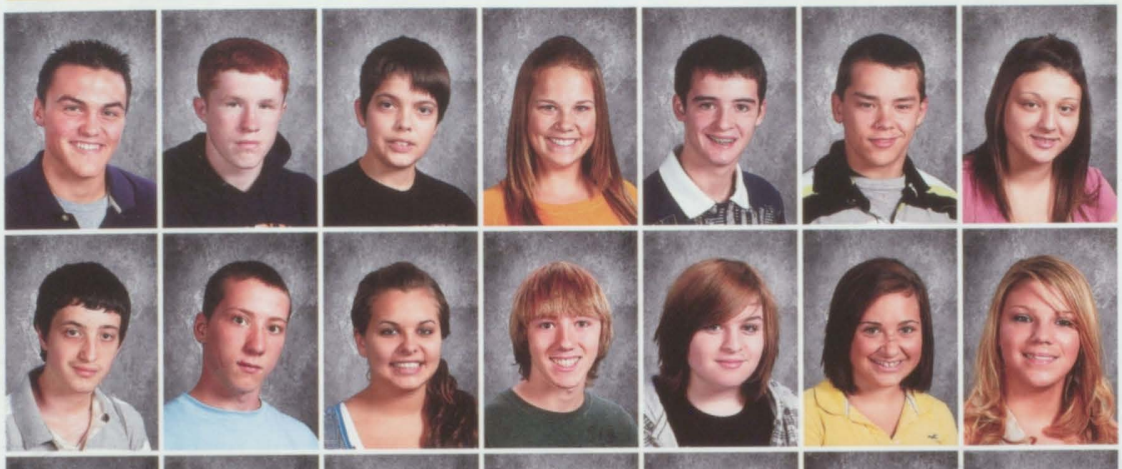

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Renzi, Angelo
Resnach, Nathan
Richardson, Kirsten
Rienzo, Mark
Rienzo, Stephen
Roe, Brittany

Roe, Joshua
Roger, Bret
Rolf, Jennafer
Roller, Collen
Rondinelli, Courtney
Rose, Shelbey
Roy-Beckwith, Brittany

Royce, Joshua
Ruscito, Frank
Ryan, Destiny
Ryan, Jennifer
Saccento, Timothy
Santmyer, Tiffany
Schillaci, Amber

Schultz, Amanda
Schwendeman, Crystal
Schwenning, Amber
Secor, Daniel
Segarra, Ashley
Seifert, Andrew
Serrano, Marie Elaine

Seymour. Kayla
Sharpe, Collin
Shean, Caitlin
Shephard, Kirstin
Sheridan, Britney
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Shoemaker, Leigh

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Skidmore, Stacie
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Smith, Colin
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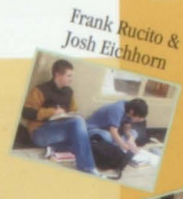


Frank Rucito & Josh Eichhorn

Matt Webster hides from history!

Seth D. baking up some goodies!

Sam Boisen struts her stuff.

Ciara Wiggins loves boys who sparkle!

Tiffany S. & Jennifer T. chill in gym.

Smith, Morgann
Smith, Travis B
Smith, Travis J
Snyder, Andrew
Sochia, Tracie
Solomon, Teren
Sosa, Jonnathan

Spencer, Andrew
Steinberg, Kira
Stosal, Steven
Sumner, Rayvin
Tardugno, Nicolas
Targosz, Alexandria
Taylor, Ashley

Zac Martinelli

Taylor, Paige
Taylor, Ryan
Theall, Brittany
Theall, Thomas
Thomas, Edmond
Thomas, Maggie
Todd, Antonio

Austin Kahler

Todora, Jennifer
Torchia, Kevin
Townsend, Jonathan
Trela, Paul
Trifeletti, Derek
Trousdale, Amy
Urtz, Hannah

Memories

Theresa C. & Domingo P.

Vacca, Matthew
Valentine, Brittany
Vanslyke, Mackenzi
Vaughn, Jeffery
Villa, Jonathan
Vogel, Brandon
Volpe, Kimberly

Walker, Quinton
Wallace, Michael-Jay
Waterman, Helen
Waters, Crystal
Weather, Taylor
Webster, Matthew
Wells, Ashleigh

Selina G.

Westcott, Brittany
Weston, Anthony
Whaley, Sharice
White, Brandon
White, Taylor
White, Zachary
White, Zackery

Zach Grasso

Wickham, Christopher
Wiggins, Ciara
Wilhelmsen, Karl
Wilkinson, Michael
Williams, Kyle
Wilson, Arnaldo
Wilson, Paige

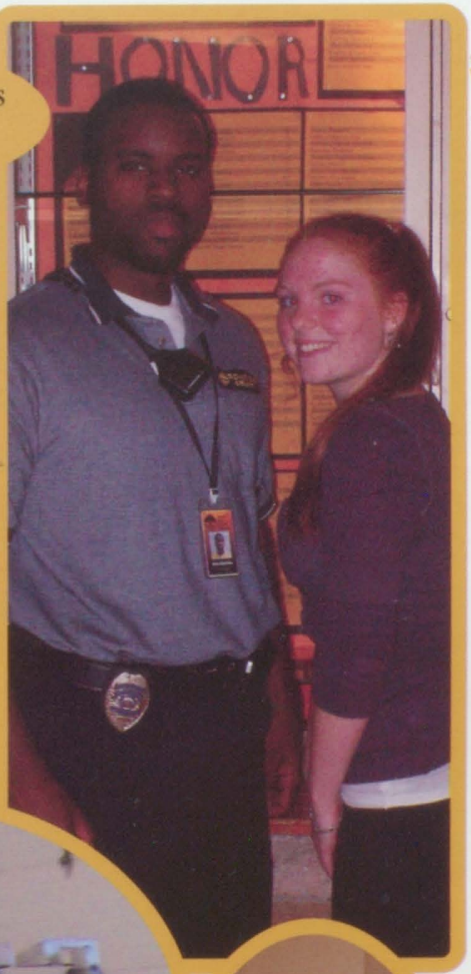
Wood, Zachary
Yates, James
Zakala, Alexis
Zakrzewski, Edward
Zonnevylle, Charles
Zwiefach, Alaysia

Forever

class of 2011

We won't forget...

Sierra Chester, Amber Come, Denver Deruby, Adrian Fernandez, Patrick Finley, Jordan Henry, Daniel Long, Mark Merchant, Joesph Mittower, Zachary Moores, Miranda Pegues, Maria Rafuse, Ray Rodriguez, Asiana Smith, Rachael Smith, Patrick Snell, Kayla Wallace, Julie Wilson, Vivian Wolak, Keona Wood



Taylor Moore harasses Mr.Richardson.

Sarah M. and Ally F.

Derek Bruce

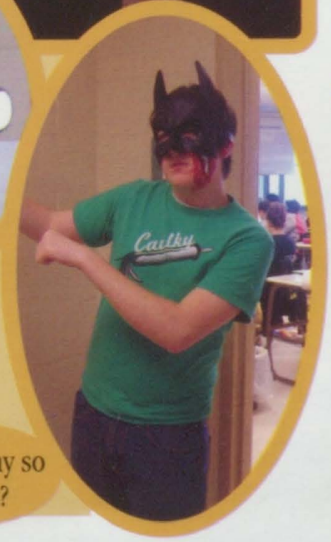
Brittany W.

John Cassese

Dakota Costello

Kenny Hemstrot picks out an interesting book from the library.

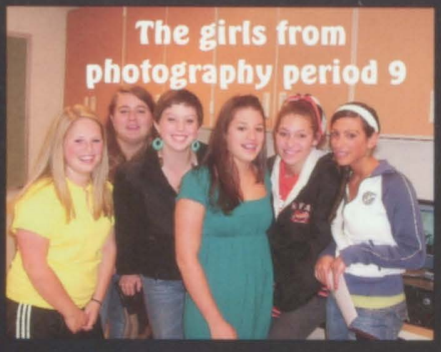
Jason Simmons cleans up in Technology.



Jon, why so serious?

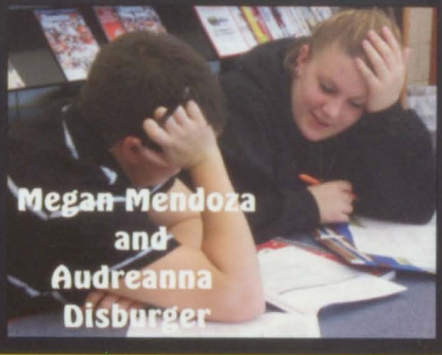
Tyler Britton

Sophomore


The girls from photography period 9

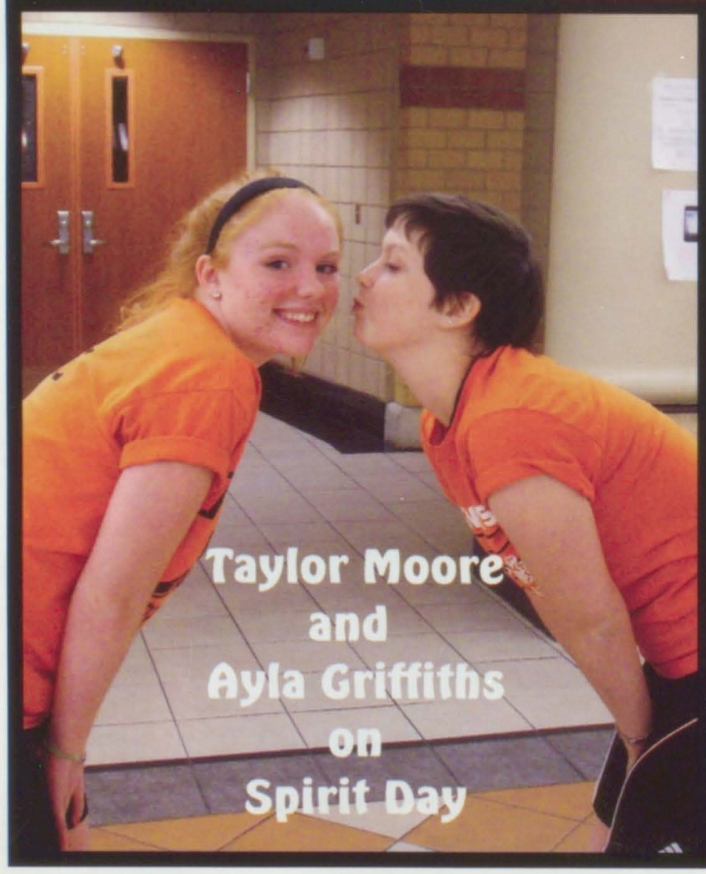
Kirsten Richardson And Kelsey Flint

Max Bartell


Megan Mendoza and Audreanna Disburger

There

Only


Taylor Moore and Ayla Griffiths on Spirit Day

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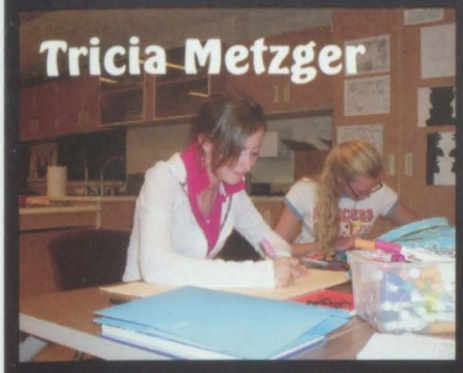
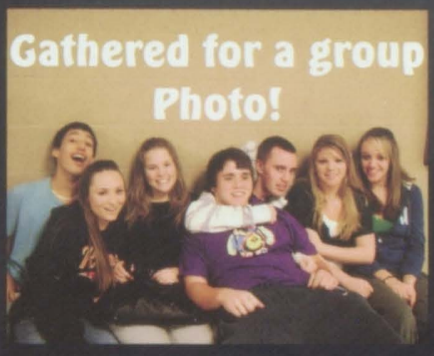
Katie Cole

2011

Candids

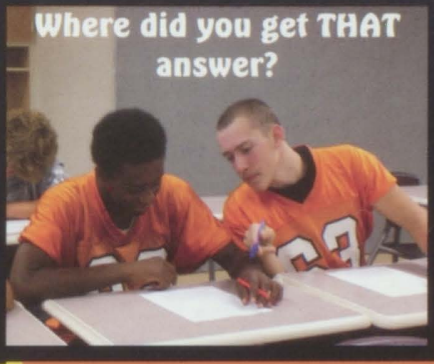


Tricia Metzger

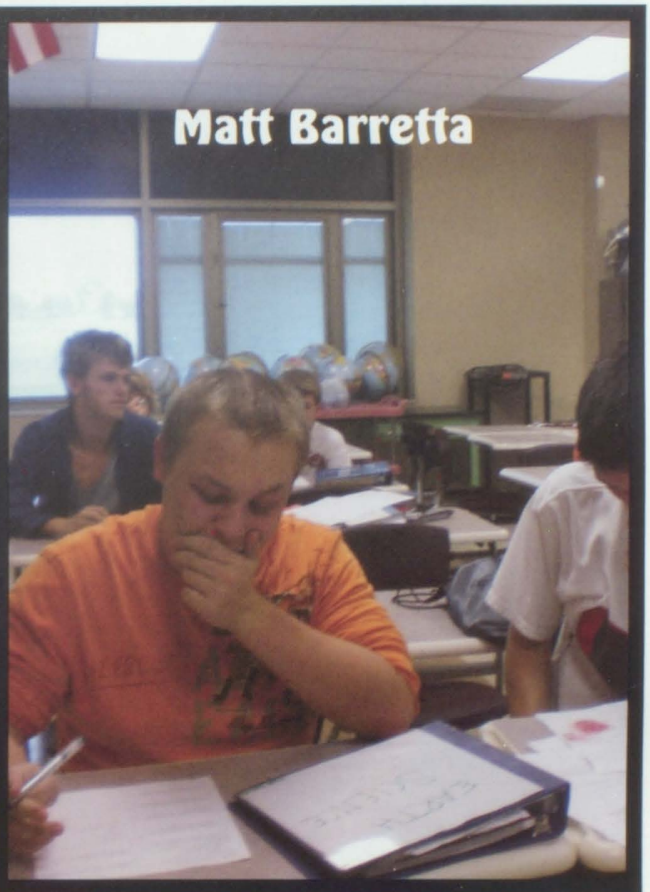


Gathered for a group Photo!

DID YOU GUYS SEE THAT?!

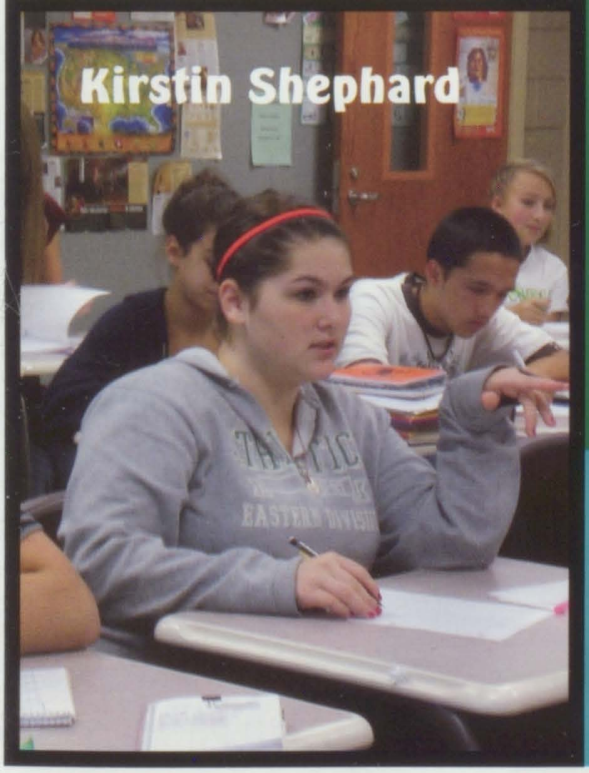


Where did you get THAT answer?



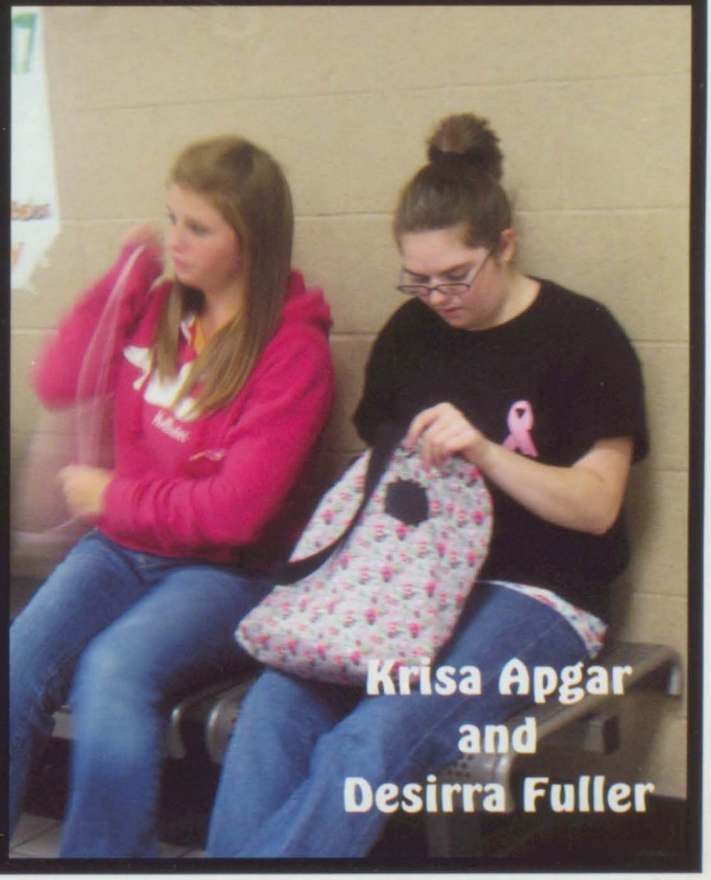
Matt Barretta

Two Years Left!

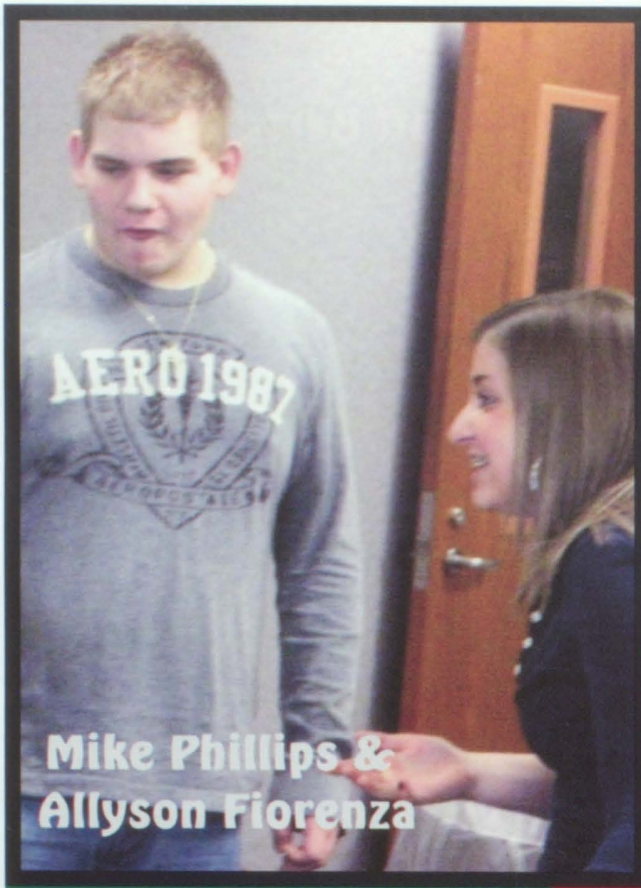


Kirstin Shephard

2011



Krisa Apgar and Desirra Fuller



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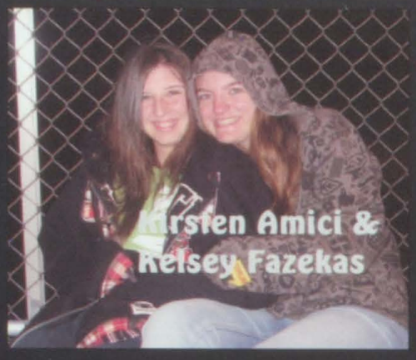

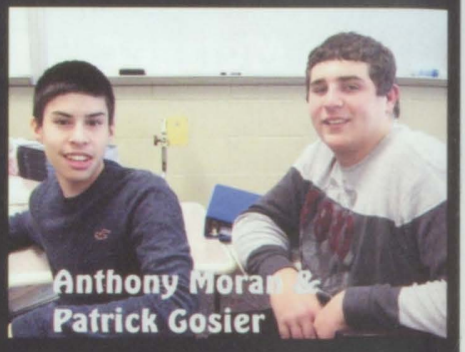

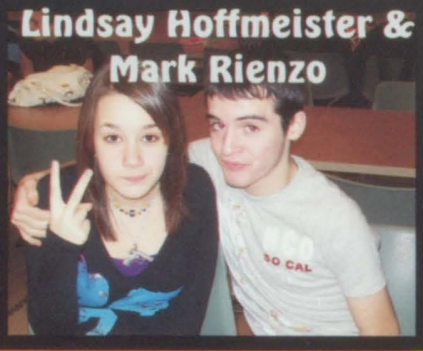

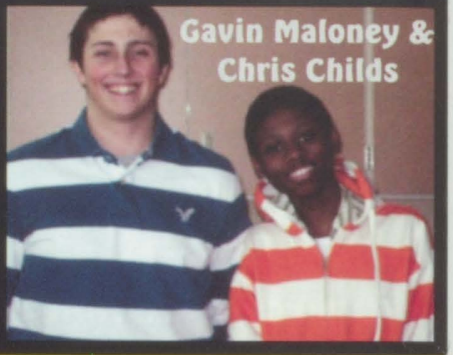

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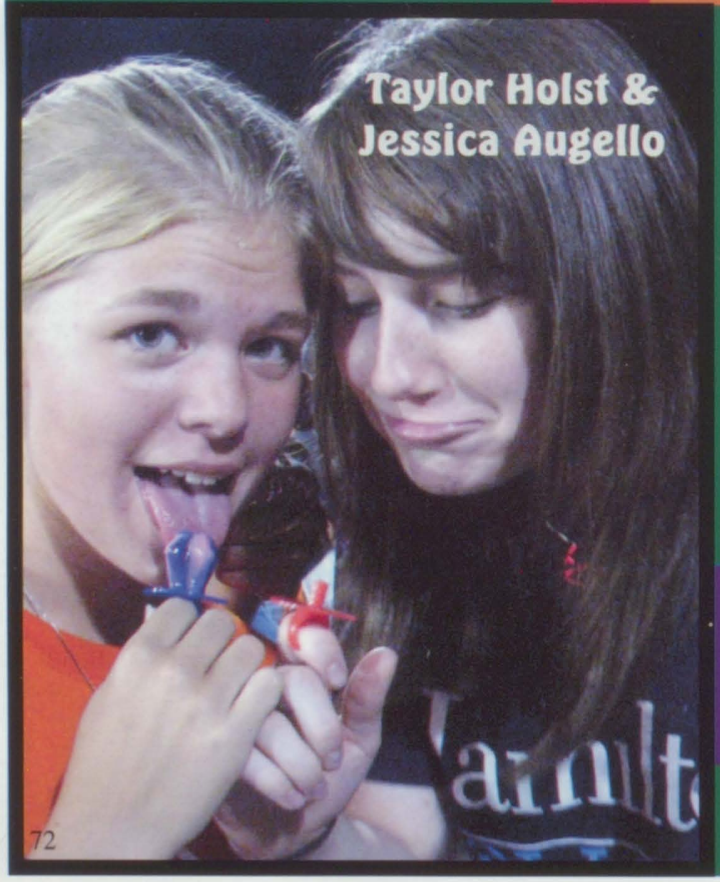

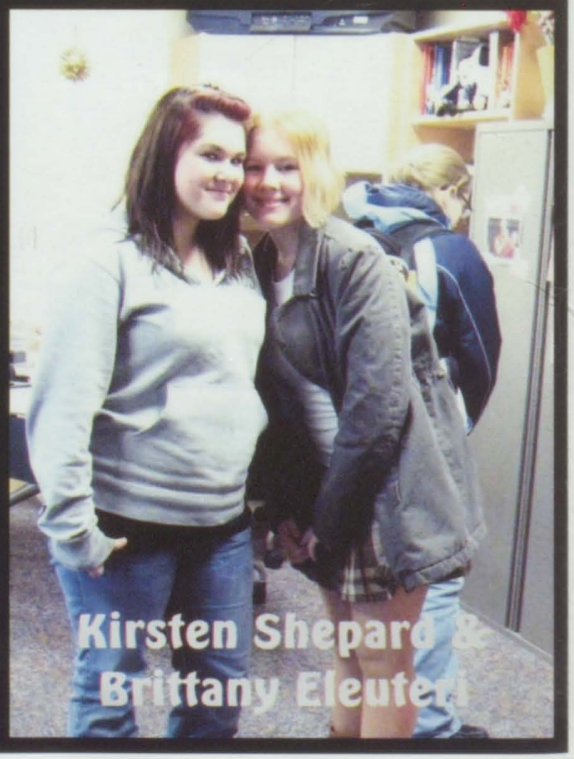

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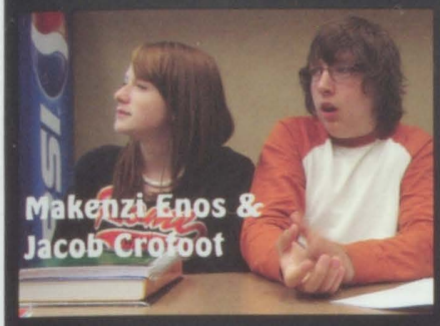
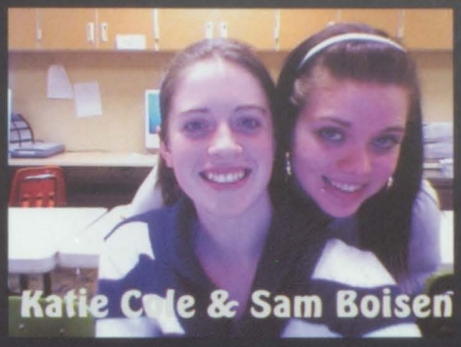
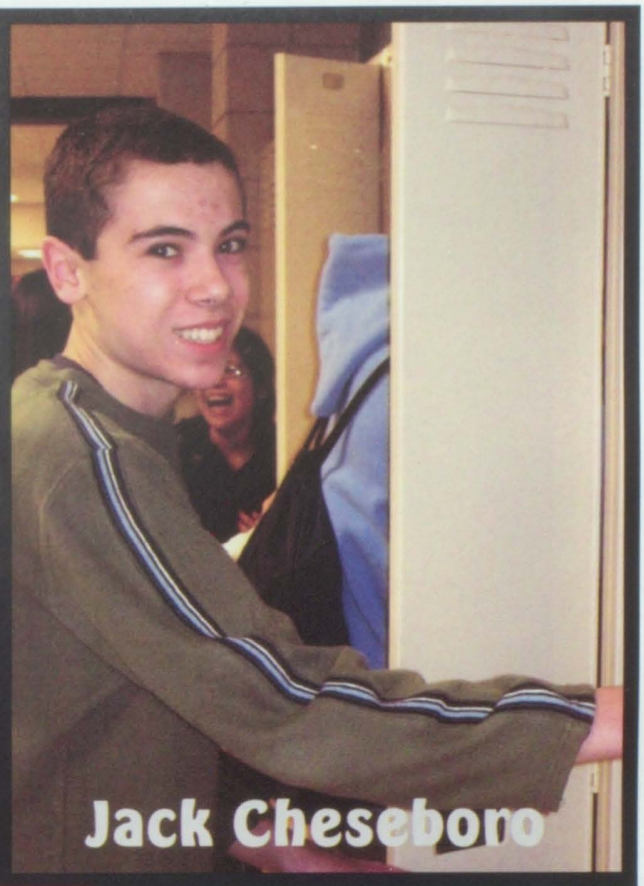

Makenzi Enos & Jacob Crofoot


Katie Cole & Sam Boisen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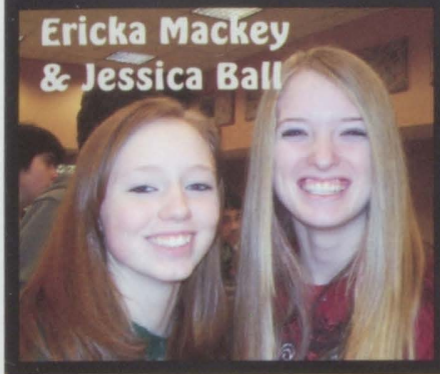
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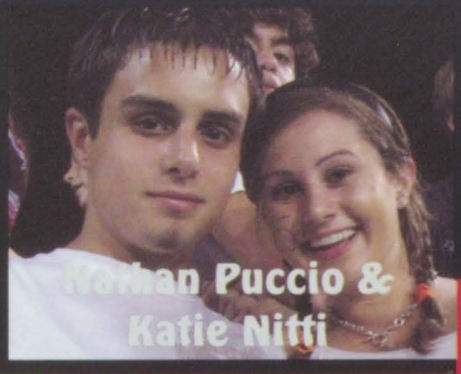
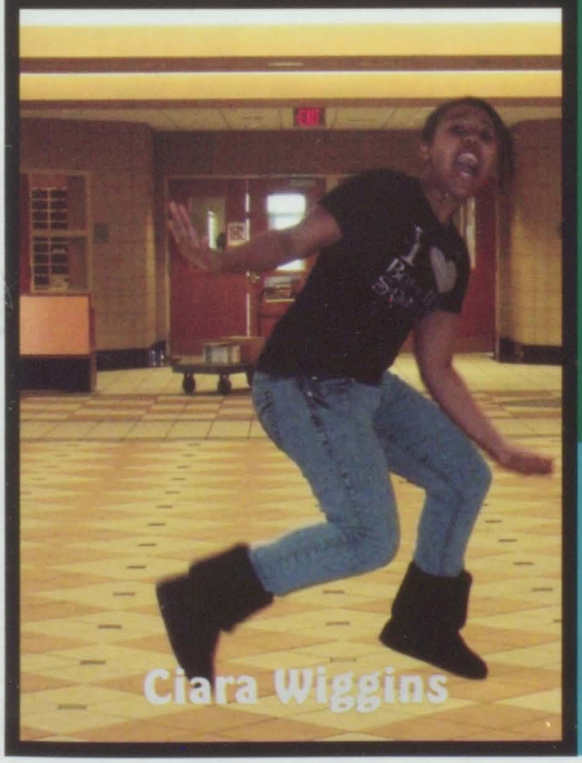

Nathan Puccio & Katie Nitti

Two

To

2011

Go!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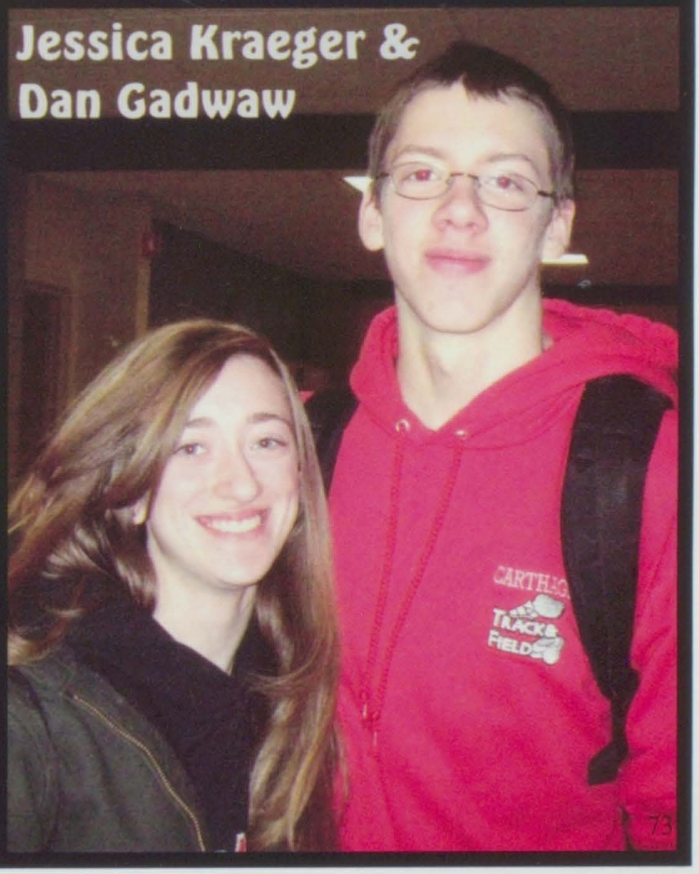
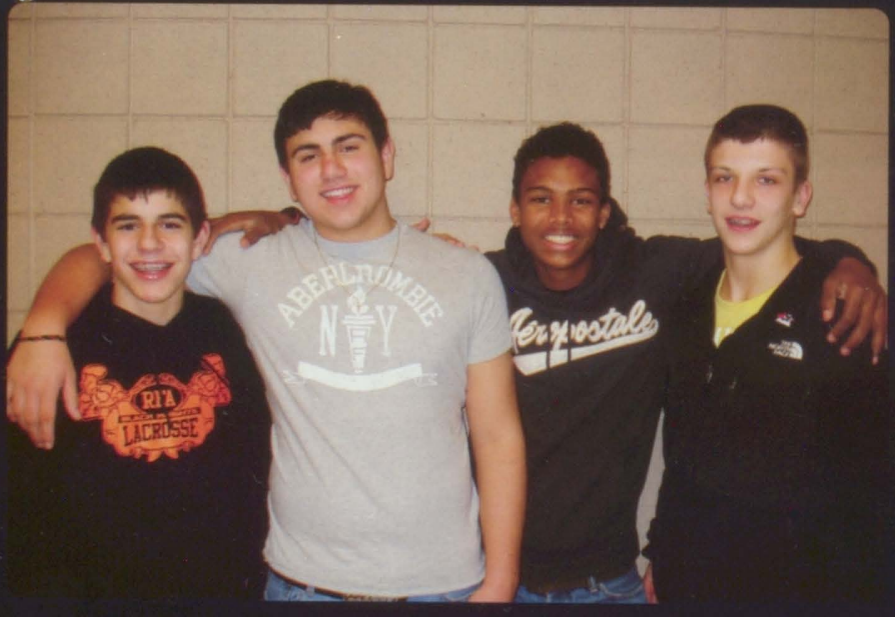

Jessica Kraeger & Dan Gadwaw

FRESHMEN 2012

JUMP START

As a freshman you walk through the doors of RFA not knowing what to expect. You make an adjustment from the middle school to the high school. With the increased size of the school and now taking classes for credits, your first year can be a little stressful. RFA opens doors to new opportunities. You get more choices and freedoms. You have the ability to choose if you would like to take gym or swim, what sciences you would like to take and sports to play. You have so much to look forward to, like sporting events, Heat of Fusion, and school dances. Prom is just around the corner. You have the ability to choose your life path starting now; you are on the road to success. It all comes down to the decisions you make in life. You only have three years left, but they go fast.



★ Freshmen Class Officers: President Drew Hinman, Vice President Michael Grider, Secretary Marcus Campos, Treasurer Connor Richie ★

Randy Linderman uses a microviewer in Living Environment class to examine cells. Despite Randy's soccer injury, he still puts school first.

Abbott, Scott
Addison, Mandy
Aiello, Anthony
Aiello, Phillip
Aldrich, Kylie
Allen, Tara
Amici, Jennifer

Amuso, Marialana
Amuso, Thomas
Andrews, Charles
Anken, Nicole
Armstrong, Ashley
Arnold, Amanda
Badolato, Brandon

Alicia Calandra

Baena, Erica
Ballard, Amber
Ballew, Sam
Barber-Waller, Robert
Barrigar, Zachary
Beach, Kelsey
Beckwith, Kayla

Angela Laymen

Beckwith, Kevin
Benedetto, Leonard
Bluman, Allan
Boisen, Brittany
Bradley, Jacob
Brement, Alexander
Brickey, Jessica

Remember

Cameron Taylor

Brockway, Kristine
Brodock, Katrina
Brown, Jeffrey
Brown, Matthew
Brown, Teona
Burgdoff, Alaysa
Burk, Felicia

Butler, Joshua
Butters, Connor
Cadrette, Cierra
Calandra, Alicia
Campanella, Nino
Campbell, Nicole
Campos, Marcus

Dovante McNair

Capponi, Bianca
Capria, Stephanie
Cardwell, Chloe
Carinci, Cory
Carpenter, Chelsea
Caruso, Philip
Castro, Genesis

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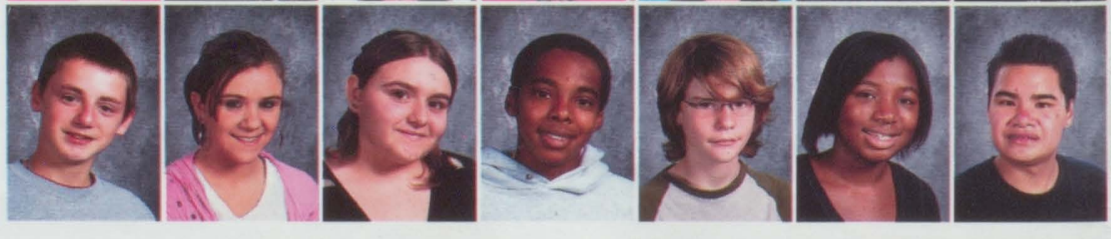

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Clay, Desmond

Closinski, Emily
Colangelo, Matthew
Cole, Brooke
Come, Amber
Come, Heather
Coniglio, Desiree
Coniglio, Michael

Conover, Joseph
Consiglio, Matthew
Converse, Richard
Coonrod, Katlyn
Coonrod, Micheal
Cosimeno, Allison
Cox, Casey

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Genesis Castro

Robert Waller

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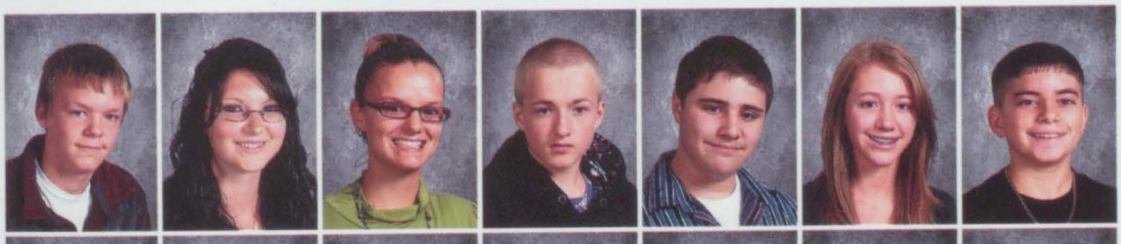

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DeGeorge, Andre

Delong, Jordan
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Deruby, Denver
Deschambeau, John
Destito, Antonio
Dibert, Stephanie
Distefano, Gina

Donovan, Andrew
Doria, Vito
Drake, Dennis
Duran, Alison
Dyer, Derek
Eadline, Ashley
Eastup, Allison

Eastup, Andrea
Eccleston, Thomas
Edwards, Brittany
Ellis, Marquise
Ellis, Maxwell
Ervin, Kayla
Eychner, Steven

Nakasha Richardson

Tevin Hill

Teona Brown

Facciolo, Joseph
Famolaro ,Danielle
Farber, Steven
Farda, Catrina
Febres, Kiara
Fernandez, Brandon
Ferrucci, Richard

Fey, Minda
Fiorenza, Alexandria
Flaim, Jessica
Fleming, Thomas
Fletcher, Johnathan
Forbes, Cara
Fournier, Logan

Angela Layman

Fragapane, Robert
Fuller, Brandon
Gallagher, Caitlyn
Garcia, Bianca
Garcia, Melanie
Garner, Kattura
Gates, Lindsey

Hannah Wasco

Gawarecki, Haley
Geary, Amber
Gilbert ,Melissa
Gillen, Jenna
Gleasman, Elizabeth
Goeway, Daniel
Goodwin, William

Remember

Richard Chester

Gosier, Jacob
Grant, Demi
Gregory, Kaysie
Grider, Michael
Griggs, Jonathan
Gruby, Tiffany
Guerrieri, Alaina

Smile girls we are #1!

Gulla, Jacob
Gulla, Johanna
Gullo, Bandon
Haley, Taylor
Hanson, Corey
Harding, Tanner
Harmon, Kyle

Shayla Robinson

Harris, Anyssa
Hartle, Joshua
Hatzinger, Chelsea
Haugen, Marianna
Hayes, Deavon
Hayes, Rebecca
Heard, Holly

Henderson, Nicholas
Hepworth, Joshua
Hernandez, Christina
Hernandez, Mia
Hernandez, Ramon
Hill, Heather
Hill, Tevin

Hinman, H. Drew
Hinton, Alexander
Hluska, Valerie
Hojnacki, Rachael
House,Ashley
Howard III,Earl
Howard,Raymond

Hrynuk,Kaylee
Huembes,Wilfredo
Hughes,Ryan
Hunt,Malynda
Hutchings,Adam
Jackson,Trey
Janes,Michael

Jaynes,Brandon
Johnson,Amber
Johnson,Cheyenne
Johnson,Dustin
Johnson,Mirrissa
Johnson,Rebecca
Jones,Joann

Alex Fiorenza

Jones,Kristy
Jones,Stephanie
Joyce,Eric
Kaier,Megan
Kearny,Lauren
Kemp,Shakeaia
Kimmel, Scott

Troy Smith

When

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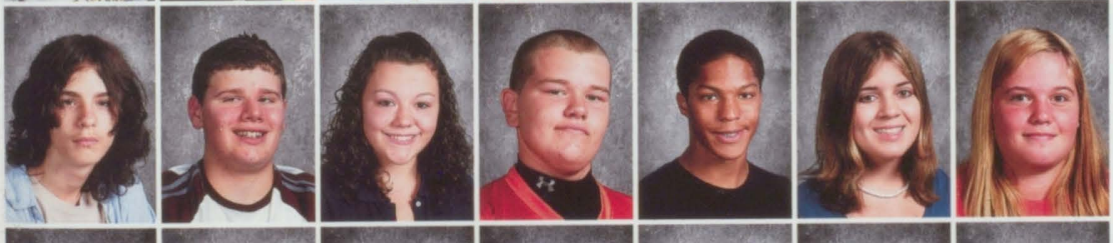
Alyssa Marchesane



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Last,Krystyna

RFA Pride!

Latendress,Corey
Lathan Jr,Myron
Lauber,Mitchell
Lavine,Stephen
Layman,Angela
Lennon,Chase
Leroux,Rickey

Rebecca Schultz

Lewis,Deanna
Libby,Gary
Linderman,Randall
Lints,Angelique
Loce,Savannah
Logan,Sarah
Long,Daniel

Lopez, Samantha
Loson, Jacob
Lovaglio, Jessica
Luczak, Joshua
Luczak, Sara
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Maitland, Vicki

Malowicki, Gregory
Manna, Ashlee
Marchesane, Alyssa
Marcinkowski, Jamie
Marrello, Cody
Marsh, Glen
Marshall, Jerralee

Jackie Sirni

Martin, Alexander
Martin, Jacob
Martin, Nathan
Martino, Michael
Mastraccio, Joseph
Matt, Cory
Mattacchione, Sarah

Rebecca Hayes

Matthews, Kyle
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Mattie, Jena
Maxfield, Christian
Mazzaferro, Joshua
McLean, Angela
McNair, Devante

Briana Pallas

Remember

McSweeney, Brandon
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Metott, Ryan

Alyssa C.
Sydney S.

Miller, Cody
Miller, Connor
Miller, Joshua
Miller, Randy
Miller, Wayne
Millson, Shaun
Mittower, Joseph

Caitlyn Gallagher

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Montana, Casey
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Mosher, Michael

Brianna Santmyer

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Paterson, Daniel
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Powell, Nori

Drew H.
Marcus C.

Tyler Larkin

When

Hannah Wasco

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Raphial, Sianna
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Jenna Gillen

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Rivera, Israel
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Lauren
Keaney

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Rogers, Brittany
Rogers, Jonathan
Roland, Anthony
Rondinelli, Mia
Rotolo, Jack
Russell, Jessica

Russell, Nikolai
Rutz, Justin
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Salisbury, Brandon
Santmyer, Brianna
Sanzone, Kelsi
Sbarglia, Dylan

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Schisler, Melissa
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Sawyer Razy

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Michael Cox

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Smith, Michael-Stephen
Smith , Troy
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Soyer, Des'jenee
Stapleton, Richard

Nakasha Richardson

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Sullivan, Katilyn
Swancott, Kerri
Sylvester, Elizabeth
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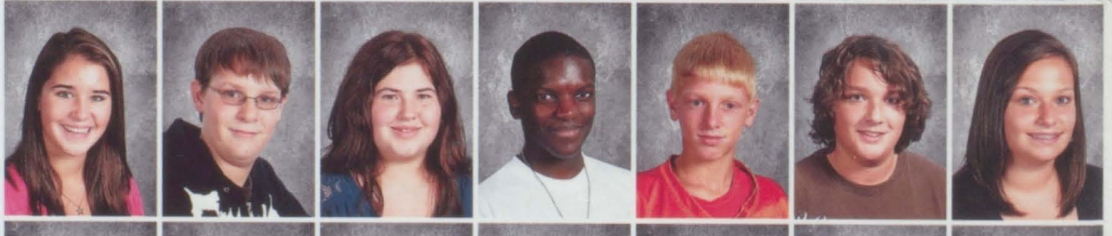

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VanValkenburgh, Adrian
Varano, Alicia

Vaughn, Lacey
Vaughn, Ryan
Verostek, Michael
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Walker, Brandon

When

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Wilkinson, Adam

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Willis, Brandon
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Wishart, Destiny
Witek, Melissa
Withrow, Aaron
Wood, Jonathan

Wrana, Philip
Young, Lonnie
Zandi, Andrew
Zecca,Victoria

Alaina G. & Tevin H.

Brooke C. and Jen D.

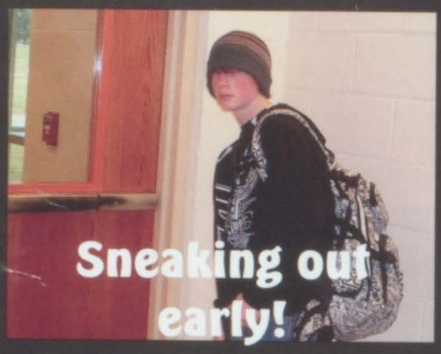
Brittannie O'Brien

Freshmen show their pride!

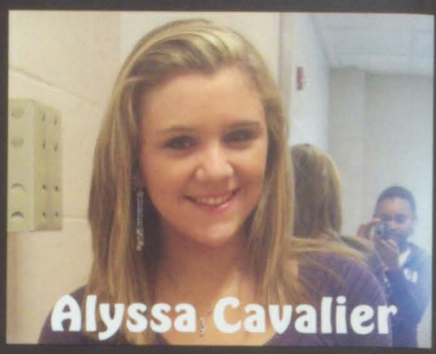
Missing: Anthony Abrams Jr, Alex Albano, Terry Aldaco Jr, Anthony Aldi, Aaron Amann, Chrisopher Anderson, Antonio Dangelo Jr, Lisa Disalvo, Maxwell Ellis, Ryan Enslin, Danell Fuller, Talia Guantero, Danielle Guglielmo, Justin Henry, Shiana Hernandez, Nikki Hoffmeister, Leyla Jackson, Robbie Johnson, Shyla Jones, Louis Leefeaver, Dyllan Mathis, Heather Norman, Rose Ortiz, Alisha Phelps, Todd Sancinati, Joshua Santee, Seth Selvetti, Andrew Snyder, Tracie Sochia, Erik Sweeney, Amanda Sweet, Quinton Walker, Alyssa Wood, Tsz Sen Yeung

Freshman

The thought of a snow day makes everyone smile!



Sneaking out early!



Alyssa Cavalier

The man in black

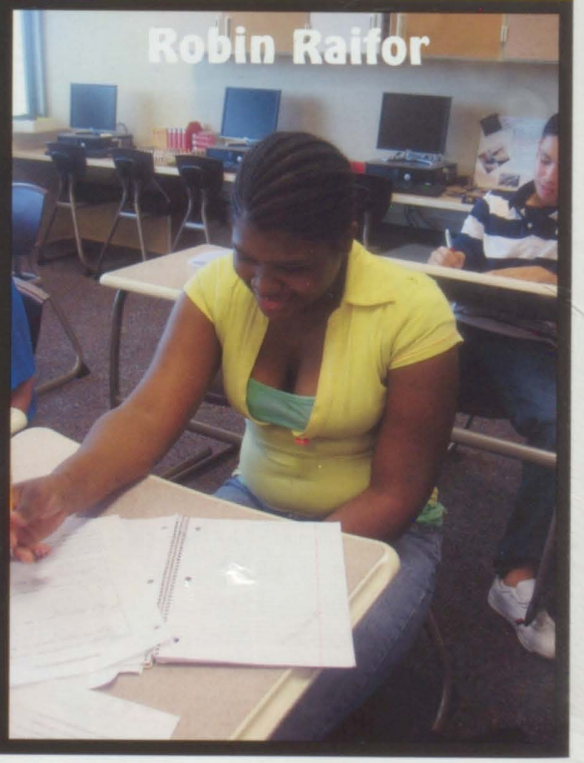
Mia Herandez

EVERY

YEAR

HAS

Cameron Taylor

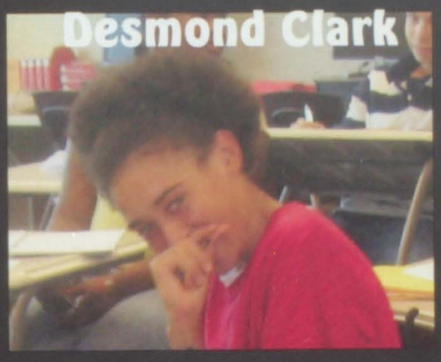


Robin Raifor

2012

Candids

Holly Schwenning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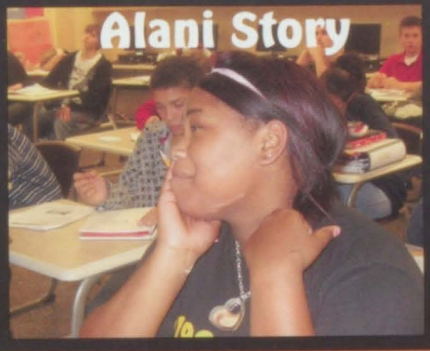
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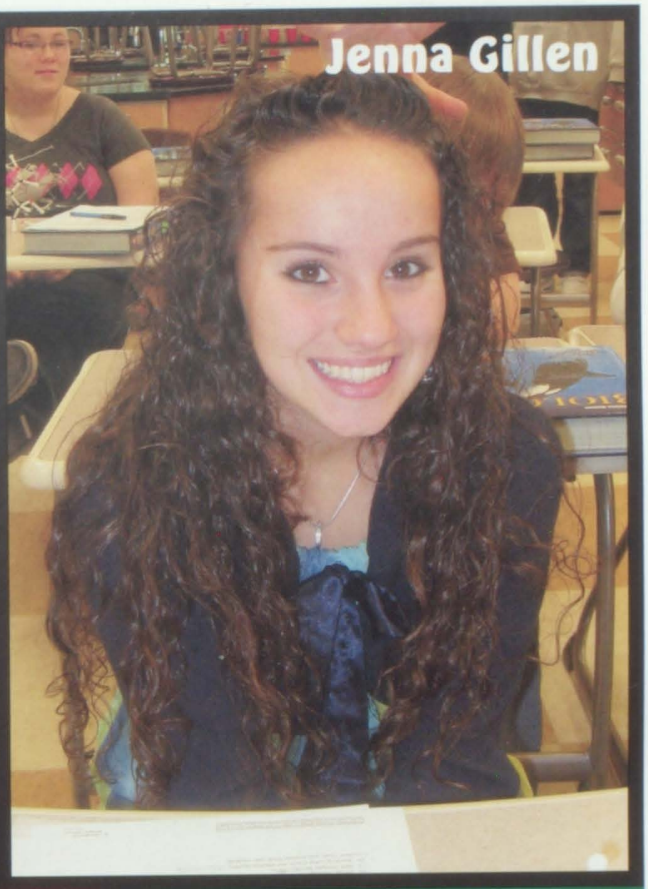
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START

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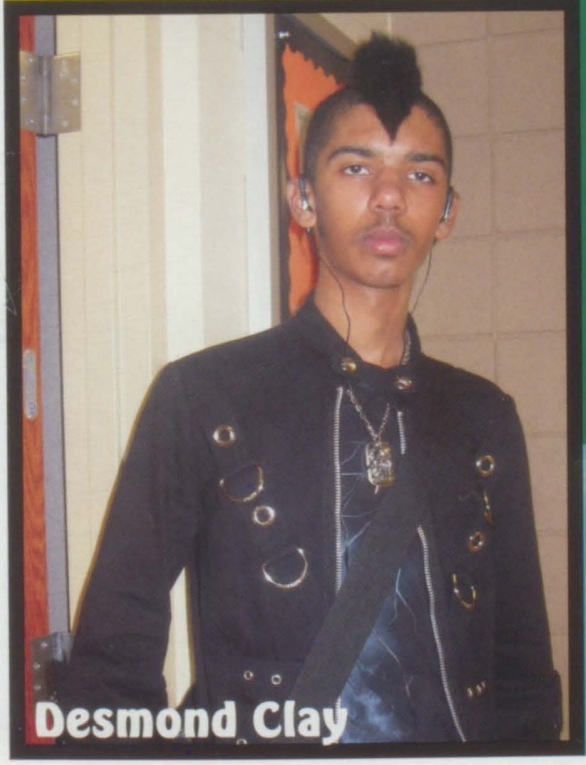
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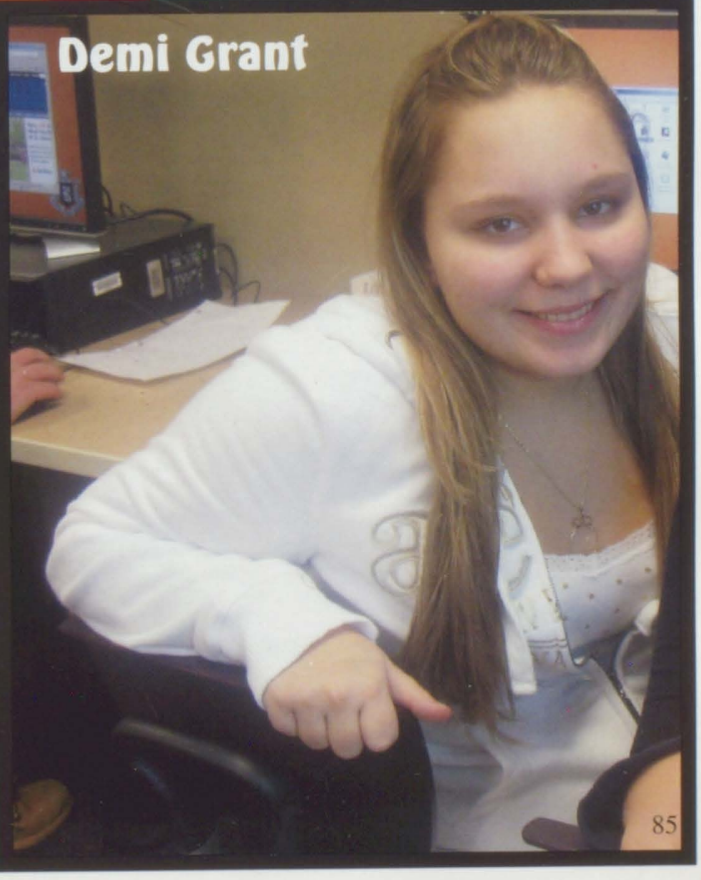
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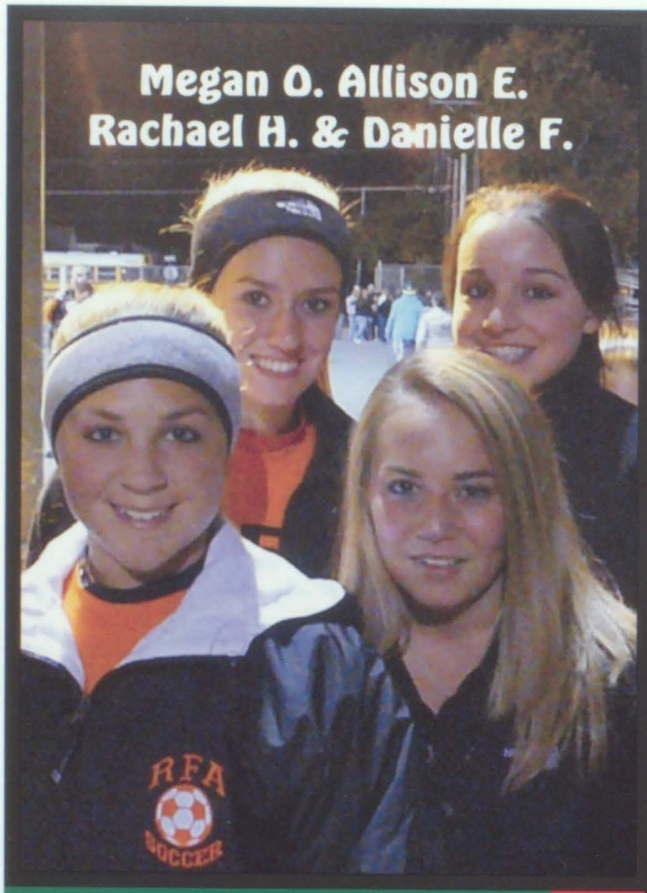

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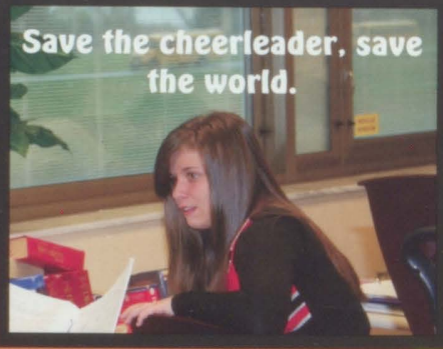
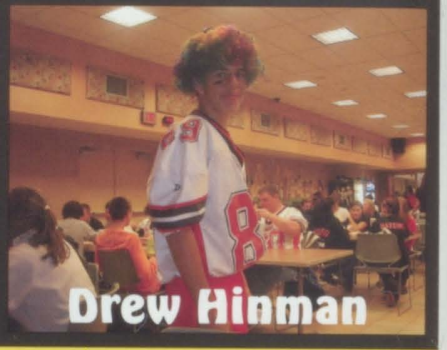


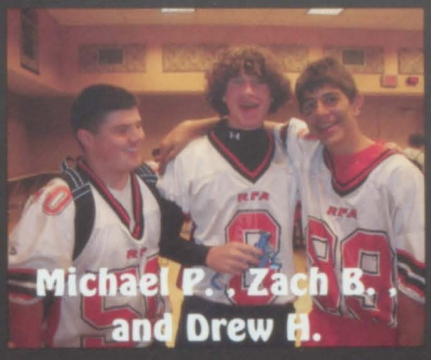


out with the old...

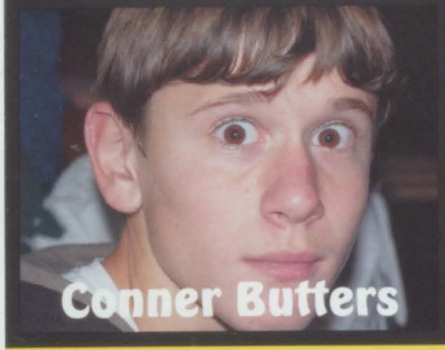
2012

Candids

Jena Mattie



Michael P., Zach B., and Drew H.



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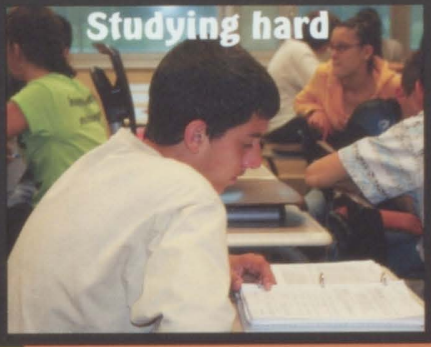
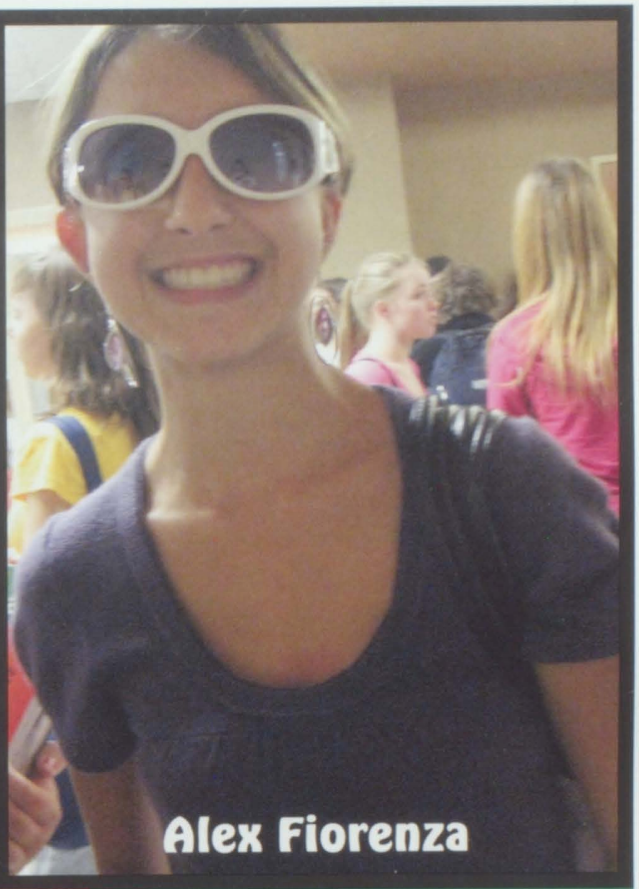
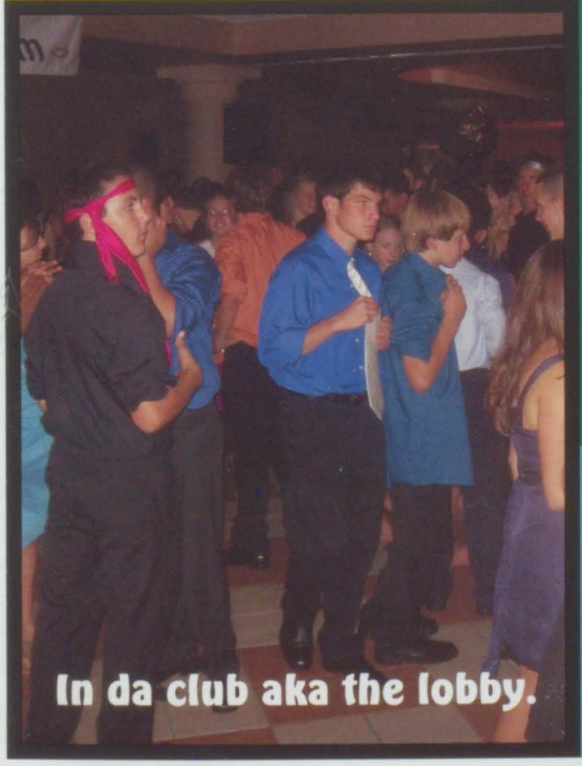


Studying hard

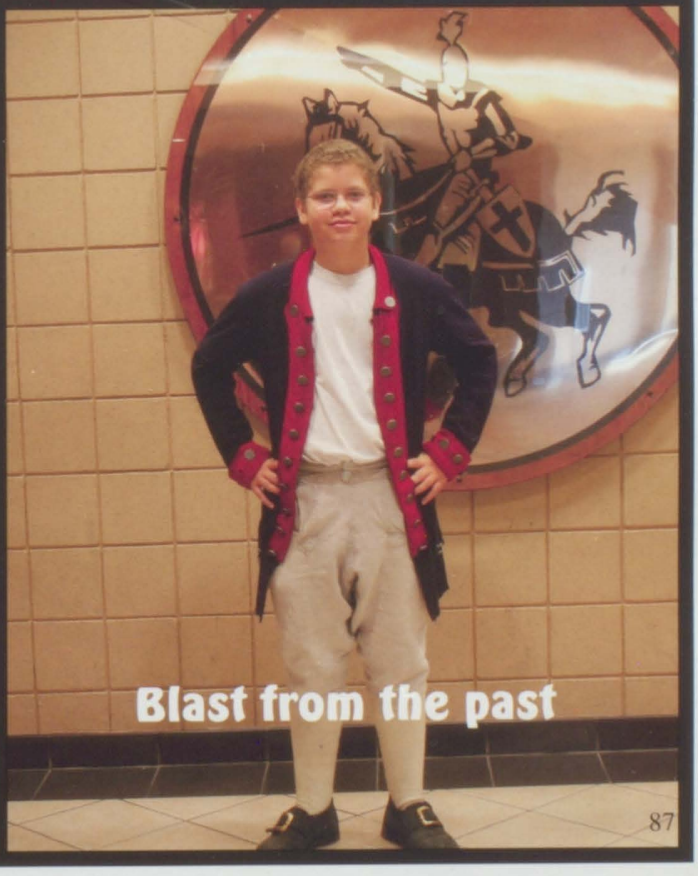


Alex Fiorenza

...in the with new!



In da club aka the lobby.



Blast from the past

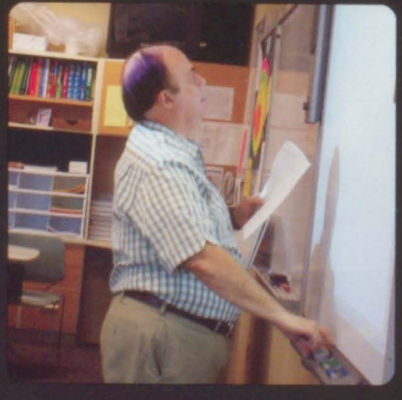
2012

FACULTY

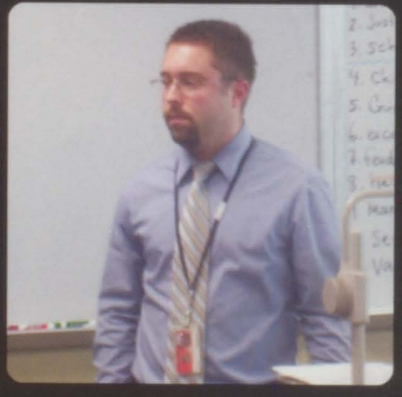
The faculty at Rome Free Academy is an important part of the school. They help so much, not with just teaching us the things we need to learn but with other problems too. They are kind and caring. Throughout the years, some have taught thousands of students and others have taught hundreds. Then we have the substitutes, who are a great deal of help. It gives the teachers a chance to take the time off that they need and not have to worry that their classes aren't learning something useful. The faculty take the time to make sure that every student understands the material, that he or she is learning and if they don't they make sure that they can work with them to get them to understand. Also faculty members take the time to make sure that field trips and school functions are going smoothly; if it wasn't for them then most school activites would not be possible. All the students of Rome Free Academy would like to say that we appreciate all the faculty for their hard work around the school.

THOSE WHO CARE

Coach Tabolt and Mrs. Grasso are two of RFA's most fit teachers!



Mr. Soborowski shows a PROOF on what a great value the yearbook really is.



Social Studies teacher Mr. Rheaume accurately teaches history.

One of Rome Free Academy's most beloved teachers, Biology teacher Mrs. Calogero, works with sophomore Taylor Maclaughlin on microscope techniques. Calogero is in her 24th year of teaching and says, "I just love kids!"

Administration

Tracey O'Rourke
Freshman Class AP

Michael Lacey
Freshman Intern AP

Linda O'Neill
Sophomore Class AP

Michael Rizzi
Junior Class AP

Principal Mark E. Benson

Christopher Roberts
Senior Class AP

Security

P. Agen

C. Campanaro

D. Collins

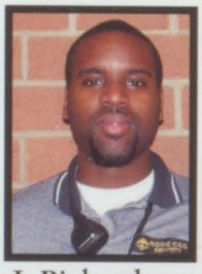
P. Cresswell

J. Fister

L. Giordano

A. Magnanti

T. Martin



J. Richardson

G. Reese

K. Seldon

A. Smith

T. Smith

P. Yanik

Just Between Us- as students, we feel safer and more secure because of the presence of our security staff and resource officers. It is comforting to see smiling faces in the hallways and at school functions and know their sole purpose is to help keep us safe and happy.

Art

M. Anderegg

B. McMahon

S. Preski

So Much To Do- From Studio Art, to Ceramics, to Photography, RFA has excellent art classes. Taught by gifted and experienced teachers, the budding artist is sure to find something he or she loves. Also keep your eyes open for *Galleries*, RFA's art and literary magazine, featuring amazing displays of talent from RFA's students.

L. Russell

A. VanMeter

Business, Broadcast, BOCES Visually Impaired Assistant

W. Ahles

A. Bangs

M. Campbell

C. Holland

T. Melone

R. Whipple

N. Zeller

Cafeteria Staff

Back Row: C.Whitmore, K.Davis, M.Aiello, K.Trika, S.Boyko
Middle Row: V.Sheppard, A.Peers, D.Johnson, N. Johnson
Front Row: C.Fucso, L.LeGrange, R.Viros

Computer Specialists

Back Row: P. Manti, P. Mazzaferro, M. Voci
Front Row: D. Needham, M. Bates

Custodians

Front Row (L to R):
A. Parker, G. Hopkins, S.McCaulley, P.Falker, S.Jaynes, B.Waller, J.Giordano

Deaf/Discipline Attendance/ESL

A. Daniello

L. Durant

P. Hall

J. Brawdy

English Department

B. Brockway

K. Burns

A. Colwell

P. Come

J. Fitzpatrick

M. Fulgieri

S. Henry

R. Maio

J. Nelson

P. Nisiewicz

E. Race

C. Scharf

D. Smaldon

J. Smales

L. Trophia

W. Waters

S. Bentley

S. Constablie

D. Daskiewich

J. Davis

M. Holupko

R. Mastrangelo

C. McCall

D. Pray

M. Skibitski

R. Tuggey

Col. F. Wieners

B. VanNamee

Making a point- GEAR UP stands for *Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs*. At RFA, the class of 2011 is benefiting from this program. The GEAR UP mission is to provide the knowledge and resources students will need in preparation for college through educational workshops, professional development, college and job -site visits, and tutoring.

L. Abouharia

M. Bartell

K. Bauer

J. Beaupre

L. Campbell

G. Capponi

J. Caroli

M. Cashion

S. Cusack

T. Edwards

L. Grasso

K. Onley

A. Pasqueletti

C. Woodruff

M. Madonia

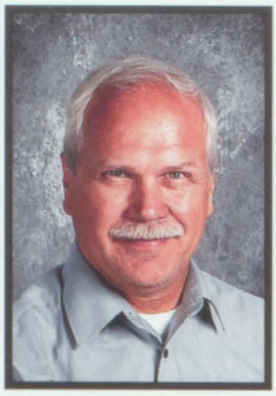
J. Meiss

M. Rushford

C. Tudman

Math Department

A. Backman


D. Baluta

J. Day

M. DeMatteo

K. Foster

M. Granacki

J. Kennedy

D. Lindsey

J. Meerdink

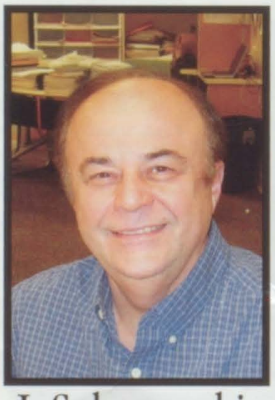
M. Merrill

D. Nardslico

D. Roberts

J. Scerra

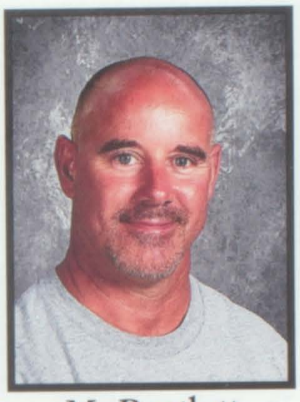
D. Shields


J. Soborowski

A. Franco

M. Davis

B. Couchman


M. Bartlett

K. Hoke

L. Harjung

J. Grasso

K. Gaesser

M. O'Rourke

M. Moore

B. Mays

S. Luker

J. Tabolt

C. Smith

V. Pastorella

The Picture of Health begins with a healthy diet and continues with a regular fitness routine. Our Phys Ed teachers show us all the ways we can be physically active and have fun, too!

Science Department

D. MacLachlan

D. Fronczek

M. Downs

B. Connery

C. Calogero

M. Richie

D. Pugliano

N. Neiley

K. McKinney

P. Maitland

J. Sexton

K. Schneider

M. Saunders

E. Rotenberry

K. Rizzo

Diversity- from the rocks on which we live, to the air we breathe and the amazing inner space we call the ocean, Science is an exploration. Earth Science, Living Environment, Marine Biology, Physics, and Chemistry are just a few of the exciting classes we have to select from when we build our schedules.

R. Wood

J. Terenzetti

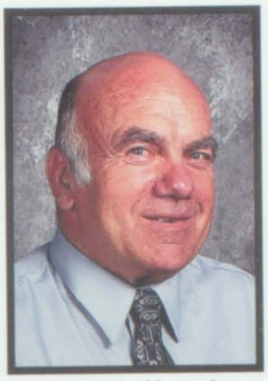
A. Spado

Social Studies

C. Arthur

C. Boyce-Anderson

M. Byrne


C. Clifford

D.Dunn

R. Dursi

P. Fitzpatrick

R. Heller

W. Houser

J. Kirby

M. Lacey

R. Leonard

K. Palkovic

C. Rheaume

M. Shafer

Are You a History Buff?

After taking the required Social Studies classes at RFA, you are sure to have an in depth understanding and appreciation for History. Far after graduation you will still recall Mr. Heller's stimluating lectures or remember one of Lacey's anecdotes.

Secretaries

T. Abone

D. Beddia

B. Doria

C. Fiorini

M. Munney-Griffiths

J. Polivka

D. Roser

D. Ryan

L. Walker

D. Weatherly

Ask any teacher, principal, or student and they will tell you that secretaries are the backbone of RFA. The secretaries who have worked here over the years bring organization and structure to this school. They are constantly there to help students and staff alike far exceeding the traditionally held idea of a secretary. From Mrs. Weatherly's smile to Mrs. Abone's compassionate ear, RFA is fortunate to have such great ladies working with us.

J. Ambrose

C. Bariess

K. Covich

J. Diehl

A. Fanelli

L. Frykholm

L. Grieco

T. Hall

J. Hovey

J. Merren

T. Morehouse

L. Mumpton

D. Pabis

A. Ringlund

C. Sirni

C. Trevvett

R. Wadsworth

K. Winkler

G. Zacaroli

Teacher Assistants

M. Arena

E. Block

S. DiBerardino

M. DeTore

G. Early

N. Gonzelez

C. Griffiths

D. Judeikas

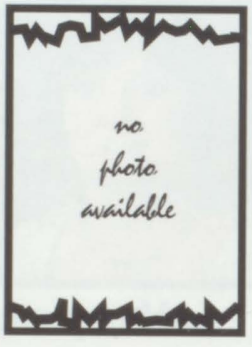
J. Kalinowski

S. Liebhaber

P. Lyon

V. Miller

C. Muratore



K. Semo

P. Townsend

D. Westcott

C. Zmudosky

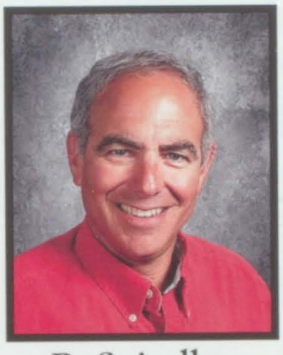
Technology

D. Holdridge

R. Mills

J. Musch

D. Slator


R. Spindler

G. Terenzetti

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.
- Nelson Mandela

Education is what remains after one has forgotten everything he learned in school.
- Albert Einstein

Formal education will make you a living; self-education will make you a fortune.
- Jim Rohn

Education's purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one.
- Malcolm Forbes

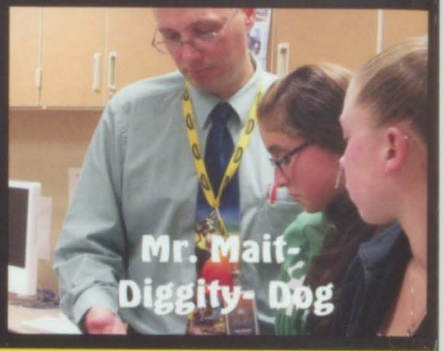
Faculty

Bob "Spindler" Marley is jammin' mon!

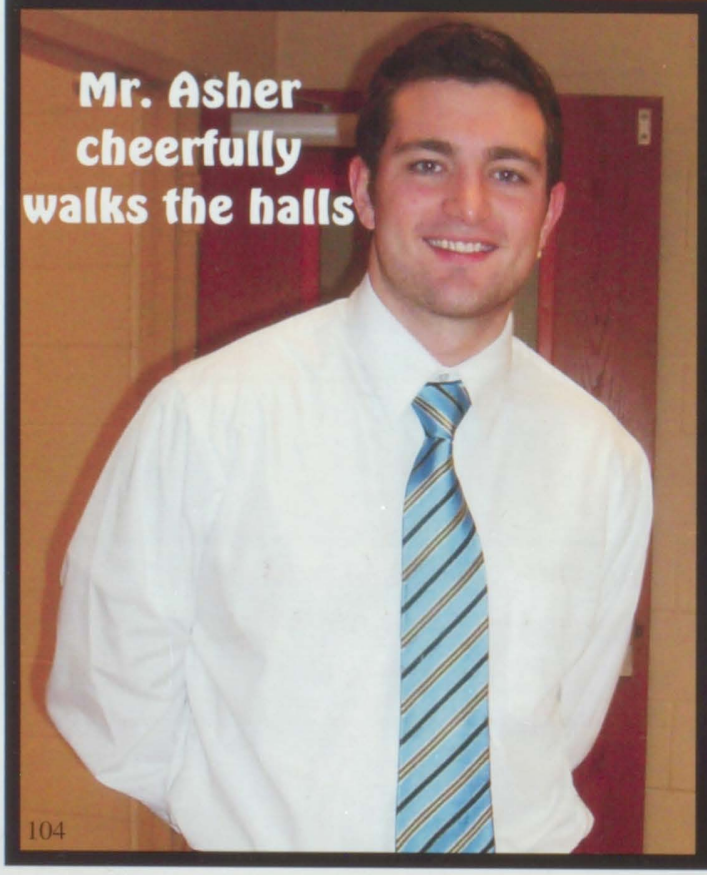
Mrs. Scerra and Mrs. Day do everything together!

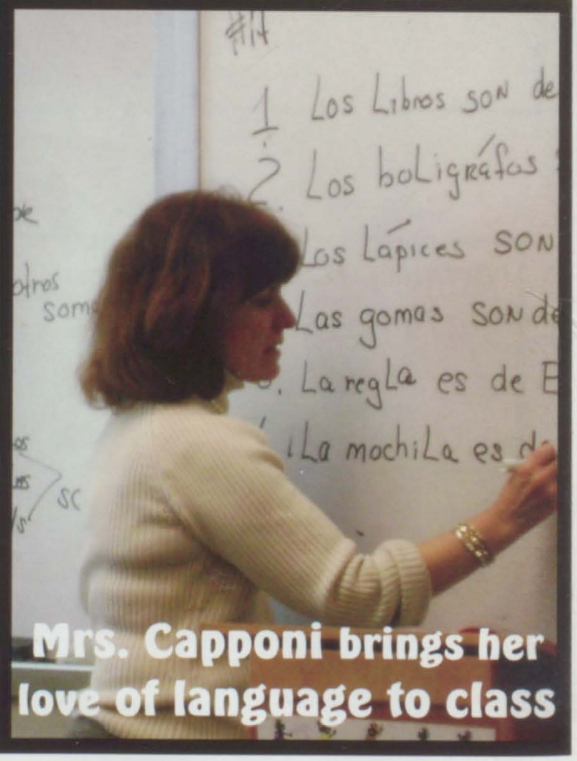
RFA's newest nurse gives aid to a student.

Mrs. Kalinowski


Mr. Mait-Diggity- Dog

The Faculty Can


Mr. Asher cheerfully walks the halls

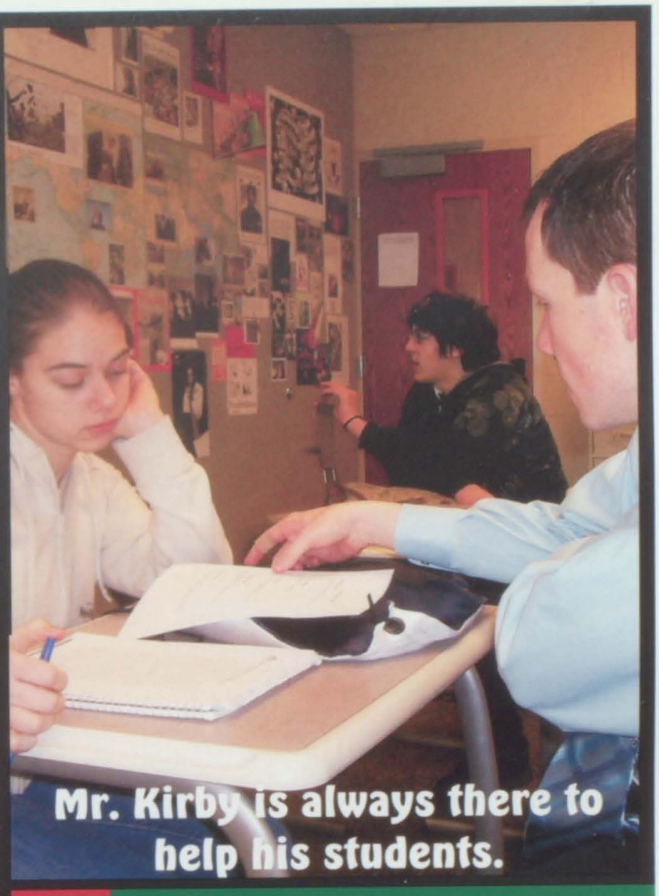


Mrs. Capponi brings her love of language to class

Candids

Mr. Rizzi and Mr. Lacey twins?!

Keep those safety specs on, Mr. Musch


Mr. Kirby is always there to help his students.

Mrs. Hall

Mrs.Boyko

Have Too!

Fun

Baby O'Rourke: The Knight's youngest fan!

Miss Leonard found a car that fits JUST RIGHT!

SPORTS

TRADITION OF THE

Rome Free Academy is known for its strong tradition of excellence in sports. Every team has been successful in its own way, progressing year to year. It is inspiring watching the strength of our teams grow. The many traditions and past success of RFA sports helps drive our athletes to pursue their dreams and make the most of their goals. As beginning young athletes many were nervous and scared, but as our athletes grew older they became confident in their skills and their drive to compete and win took precedence. By junior and senior year they understand what is expected of them and work to their highest potential to help lead their new teammates. This is what it means to be a Knight- proud and strong. Once one wears the black and orange, one feels that pride forever!

Deanna Dearo, Danielle DeSalvio and Stephanie Dibert *only need one lane to kick your butt!*

Nicole Anken knows *love means nothing in tennis.*

Kagen Dewey gets *fired up to warm up.*

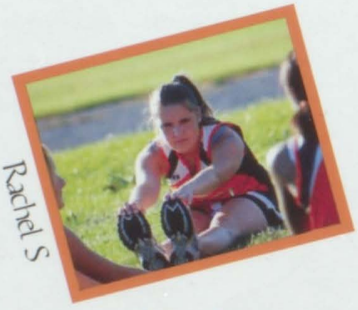
Freshman Joey Facciolo swings into the sunset. FOREEEE!

Girls Cross Country

Lyndsey B

Sara B

Taylor R


Rachel S

Kaylee H

Nicole C

Shelby Knapp

Christy Sirni

Top Four

Kristie Richardson

Jessica Razy

Our Sport is Your Sport's PUNISHMENT

Sam and Melanie

Andrea C

Emily C

Cross Country girls get down and dirty!

Staley Upper Elementary mud pit after Bill Coughlin

You Gotta Want it to Win it and We Want to Win it!

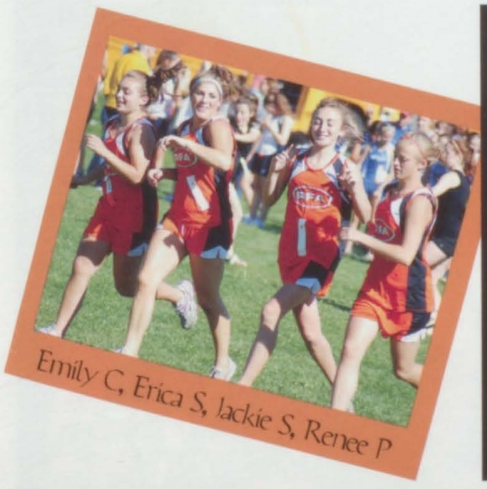
Front: Sam Shaver, Alicia Alarie, Kristie Richardson, Lyndsey Brognano, Sara Bauer **Middle:** Renee Perrigo, Lindsay Pallay, Nicole Campbell, Rachel Skavina, Melanie Entelisano, Emily Coleman, Kaylee Hrynuk, Christy Sirni **Back:** Shelby Knapp, Katie Mott, Taylor Rapke, Jessica Razy, Erica Stapleton, Jackie Sirni, Megan Gressel, Andrea Childs

Lead by example award
Erica Stepleton and Melanie Entelisano

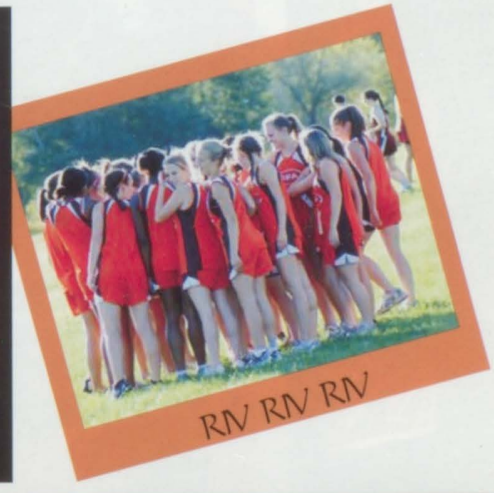
Run Hard Run Fast RV RV RV

Coach's award
Jessica Razy and Kristie Richardson

Most Valuable Runners
Christy Sirni and Shelby Knapp



Sectional Girls Team at Jamesville Beach



Most improved Runner
Taylor Rapke

Queen of the Gypsies
Lyndsey Brognano

Rookie of the Year award
Jackie Sirni

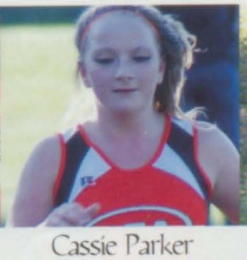
Senior award
Sara Bauer

Shelby Knapp

Katie Mott

Megan Gressel

Paige Paquette



Cassie Parker

Kayla Husband

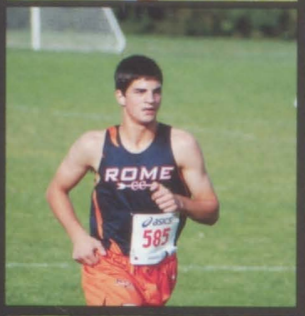
Boys Cross Country

SECTIONAL TEAM 2008

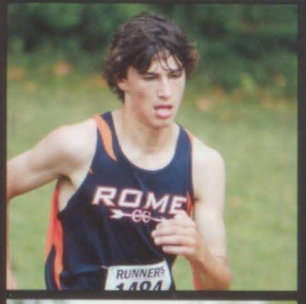
Frank M.

Tyler B.

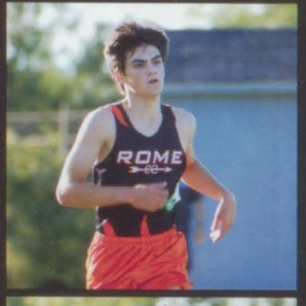
Kegan M.



Ryan M.


Kagen D.

Joey M.


Jordon H.

Brandon T.

Lance R.

Connor B.

James G.

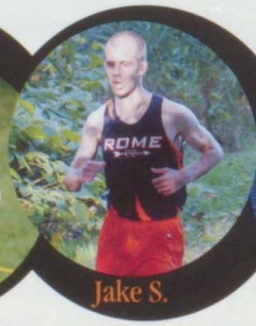
Michael C.

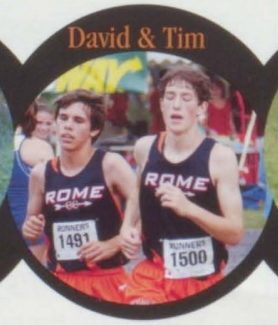
Brandon L.

Dan G.

Lenny B.

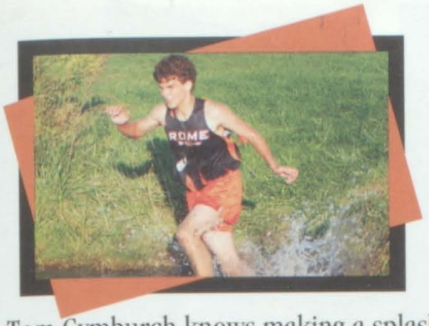
Jeff B.


Jake S.


David & Tim

Nick M.

Ryan & Tyler



Tom Gymburch knows making a splash is what cross country runners love to do!

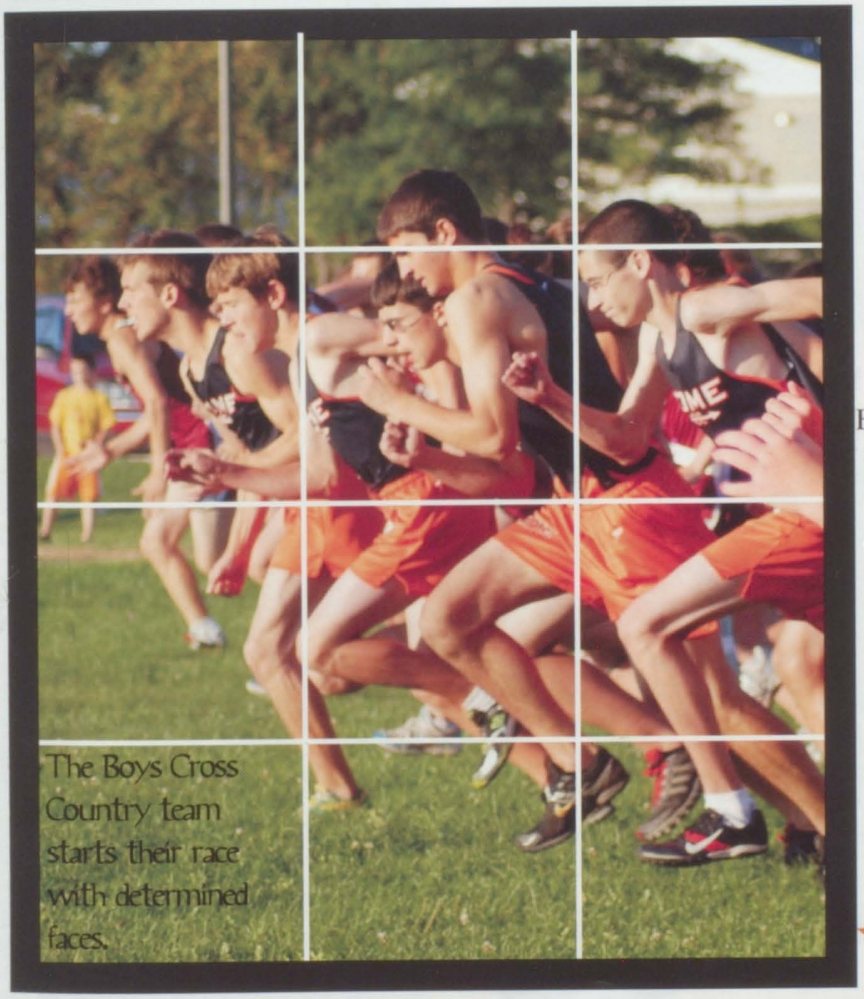
Chittenango Invitational

Back Row: Michael Cox, Connor Butters, Jeff Brown, Tyler Butters, David Lombardo, Lenny Benedetto, Jordon Hoffman, Cameron Kondella, Frank Mastraccio, Joey Mastraccio, Coach Knamm

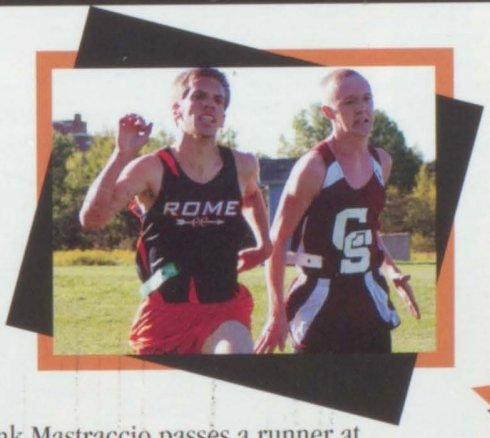
Front Row: Tom Gymburch, James Gressel, Kagen Dewey, Kegan Marchione, Brandon Liddy, Tim Wood, Jake Slachciak, Ryan Misurda, Lance Russ

Missing from Photo: Brandon Trautner, Nick Mellace, Dan Goewey

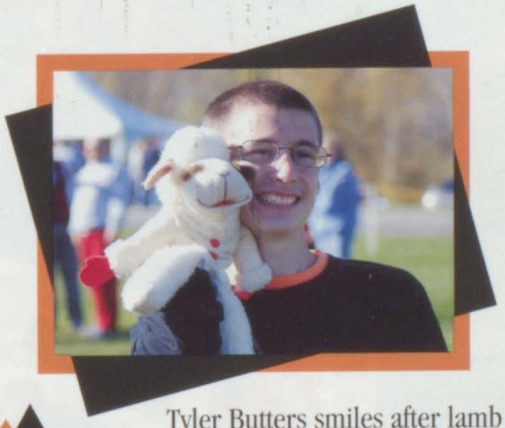
What time is it? Knight Time!



The Boys Cross Country team starts their race with determined faces.



Frank Mastraccio passes a runner at the finish to win the race at Staley.

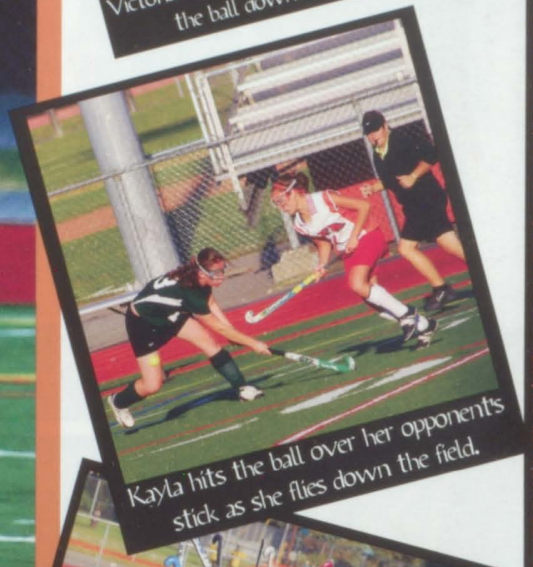


Tyler Butters smiles after lamb chop is returned to him at sectionals

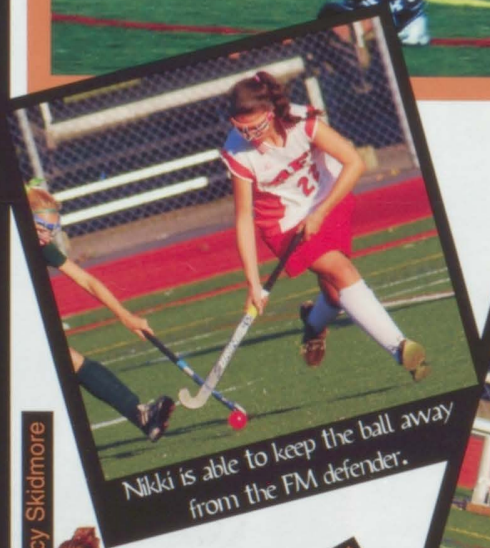
Varsity Field Hockey

Kelsey Bird celebrates after making the stroke!

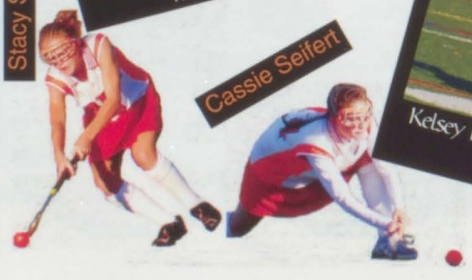
Victoria flies past the FM opponent and takes the ball down towards the cage.


Kayla hits the ball over her opponents stick as she flies down the field.

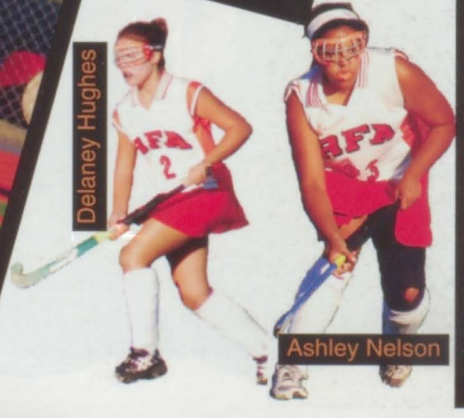
Before the big game the girls get together to do their stick cheer.


Nikki is able to keep the ball away from the FM defender.

Kelsey Lovett is all alone as she takes the ball down field.


Stacy Skidmore

Cassie Seifert


Delaney Hughes

Ashley Nelson

Stats

9-6-2

Remember when we had to practice in the snow the day before a sectional game?

Back Row: Assistant Coach Alan Ringlund, Alex Towne, Ashleigh Nelson, Britleigh Hawkins, Nikki Keiffer, Mya Domenico, Katherine Hammond, Coach Linda Harjung. **Middle Row:** Stacie Skidmore, Cassie Seifert, Jessica Harvey, Alexis Zakala, Ariana Smith, Kayla Smith, Delaney Hughes, Kaysie Gregory. **Front Row:** Captians- Carissa Tompson, Victoria Ceravolo, Kelsey Bird, Kelsey Lovett, Erin Smith.

Hey over here! Im open! Im open!!

"Hey that was our's let's get it back ladies!"

Back Row: Coach Murphy, Jenna Theall, Megan Kaier, Liz Gleasman, Meghan McCormick, Angela McLean, Kristine Brockway.
Middle Row: Alexa Sanzone, Kerry Nobis, Rebecca Kieffer, Autumn Swavely, McKenzie Guy
Front Row: Kelsey Nobis, Kelsey Cacciatori, Danielle Famolaro, Elizabeth Silver.

Junior Varsity

Boys Varsity Golf

Row 1: Brandon Barber, Mike Agosto, Jake Palmer, Matt Hughes, Joe Facciolo, Dylan Famolaro **Row 2:** Mark Tardugno, Derek Murphy, Andrew Spencer, Glen Marsh, Matthew Stevens, Coach Josh Cup, Coach Wes Cup, Eamon Dempsey, Chris Fifield, Sam Shields, Joey Katchmar, R.J. Ferrucchi

IN THE CLUBHOUSE

Practice? *NO WAY!* We play madden football.

BEST MEMORY:

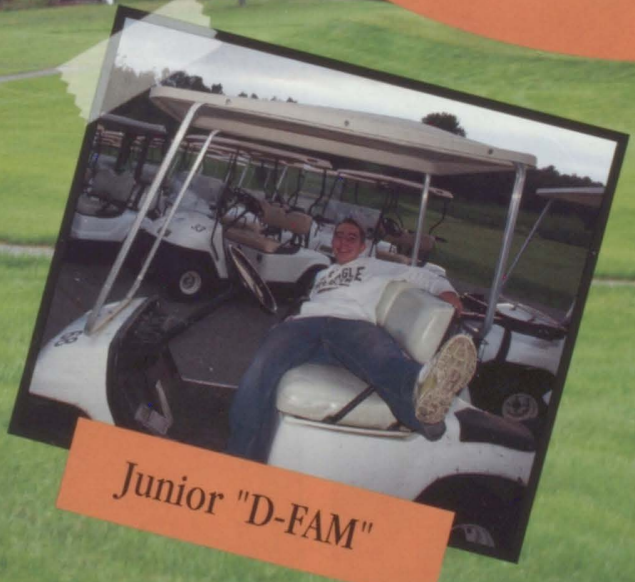
"beating the girls varsity volleyball team ... TWICE! "

Walkin' the 9

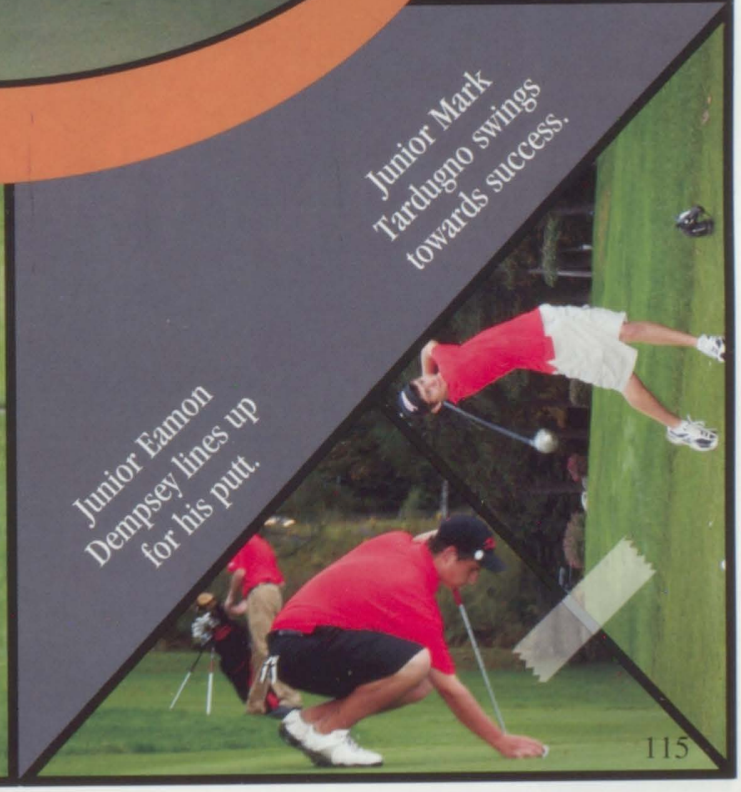
Freshman Glen Marsh swings high to the sky

Sophomore Joey Katchmar chips onto the green. Sink it!

GOOFY GOLFERS



Junior "D-FAM"

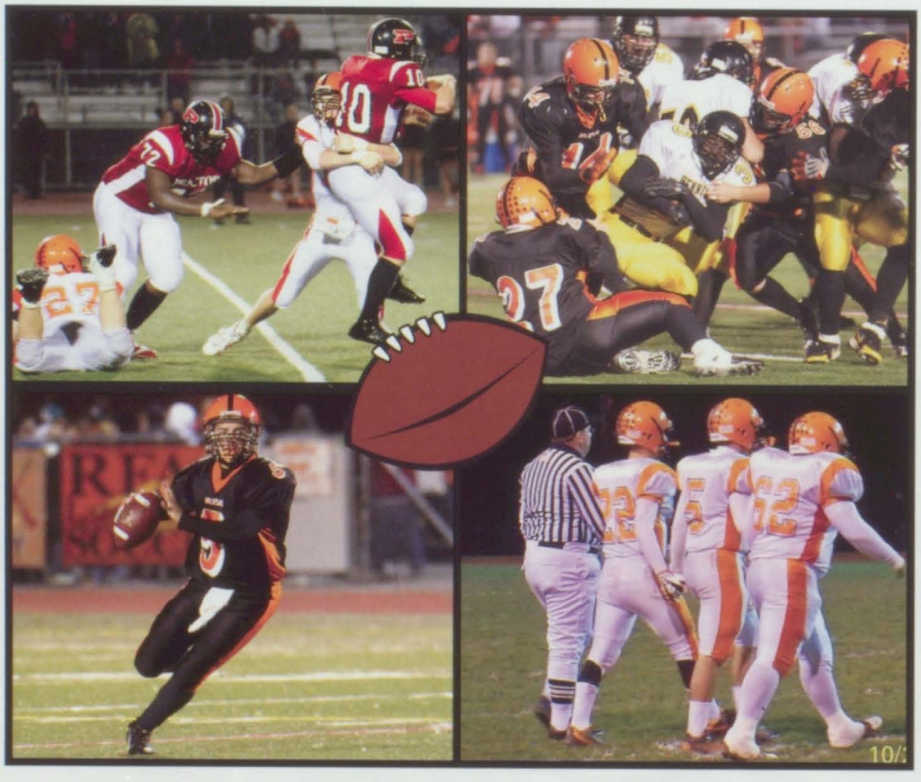


Junior Mark Tardugno swings towards success.

Junior Eamon Dempsey lines up for his putt.

Varsity Football

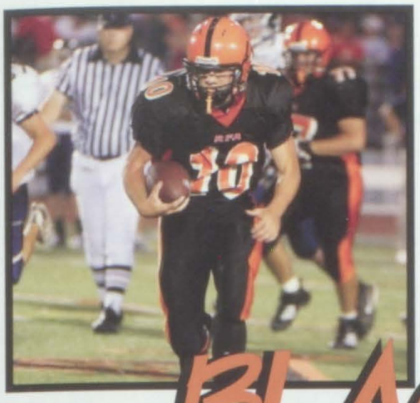
Row 1: Trainer Kelly Hoke, Assistant Coach Pete Mastracco, Tri-Captain Justin Torres, Assistant Coach Billie Mays, Tri-Captain Marco Dominic, Head Coach Mike Davis, Tri-Captain Mark Capponi, Assistant Coach Ted Swavely, Assistant Coach Mike Jankiewicz **Row 2:** Kyle Jones, Eric Bowles, Kyle Kimball, Dante Mezza, Eric Townsend, DeVante Marshall, Corey White, Andy D'Amore, Ethan Froelich, Brandon Torres **Row 3:** Ryan Cooke, Dan Secor, Zach Ciccotti, Matt Leggett, Tom Secor, Zack Hemphill, Wayne Kimball, Dave Waite, Larry Benjamin, Timothy Slenker **Row 4:** Jordan Gualtieri, Jason Semeraro, Roger Trigo, Jonathan Sandberg, Kyle Buol, Cornell Parrish III, Steven Pawlikowski, Enrique Christina **Row 5:** Jonathon Scheiderich, Franco DiMarco, Garrett Redding, Nathanael Williams, Zach Sjoblom, Daniel Bush, Nicholas Brement, Josh Royce, Simon Kristensen

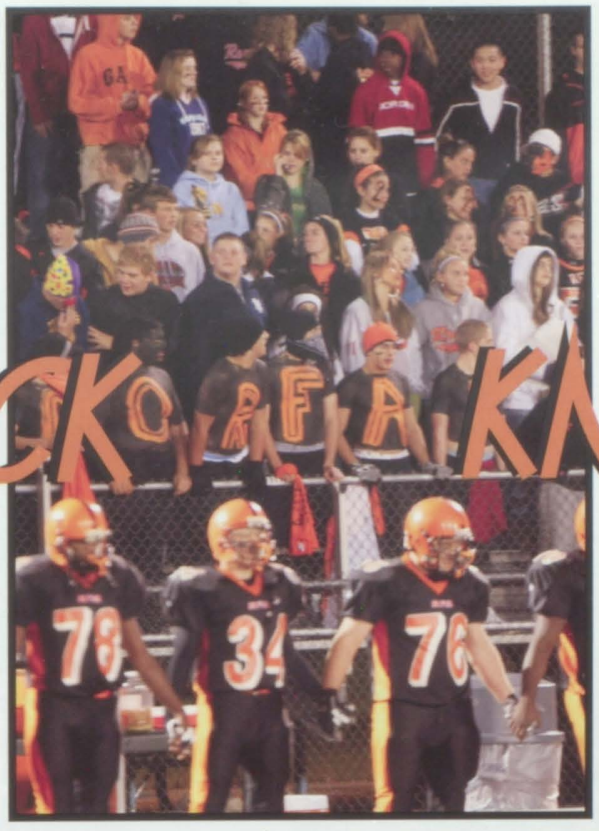


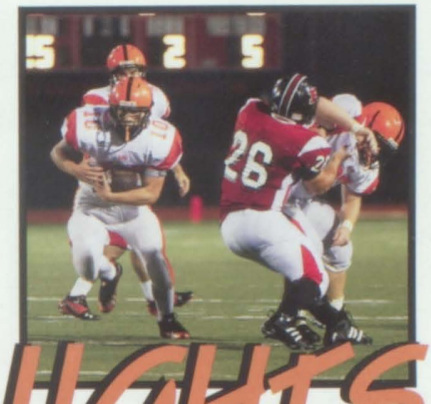
STATISTICS

Record: 6-3

9/05	Whitesboro	41-27
9/12	Proctor	21-18
9/19	C Sqaure	42-14
9/26	Auburn	20-0
10/03	B Ville	24-27
10/10	Corcoran	19-0
10/17	Henninger	28-30
10/24	CBA	27-26
11/01	Henninger	28-0







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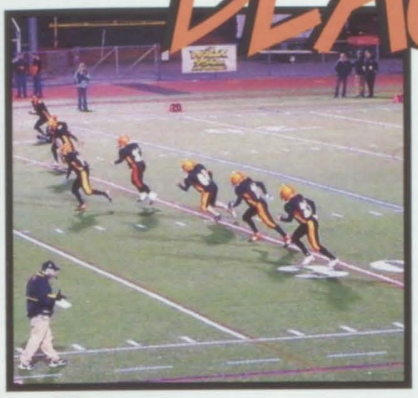
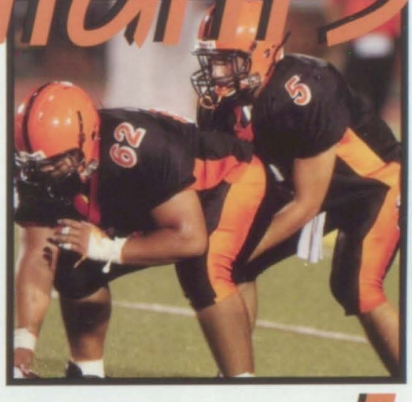




[In life, as in a football game, the principle to follow is: *Hit the line hard.*]
– Theodore Roosevelt

JV Football

Row 1: K.Hash, Coach Tito Seaone, B.Bertrand, Coach Alfred Bevilacqua, Coach David Petrelli, A.DeBlasiis, Coach Mike Acquino, M.Bardo **Row 2:** R.Stapleton, S.Lavine, Z.Barrigar, A.Tennant, J.Gambrel, T.Eccleston, J.Yates, D.Thomas. B.Fernandez **Row 3:** B.Aldrich, J.Loson, S.Eychner, P.Trela, R.Fragapane, P.Christina, J.Simmons, D.Patterson, J.Henry **Row 4:** B.Gulla, J.Rutz, E.Kiskiel, Z.Grosso, M.Paolillo, D.Davis, D.Ryan, M.Harvey, K.Torchia **Row 5:** K.Beckwith, D.Bruce, P.Caruso, M.Grider, A.Destito, M.Kobito, T.Larkin, M.Martino, P.Grosier, M.Phillips **Row 6:** C.Carinci, M.Vacca, B.Jaynes, J.Maiolo, E.Thomas, R.Taylor, T.Saccento, K.Wilhelmsen, J.Wenndt, C.Zonnevyille. D.Hinman

Football Cheerleading

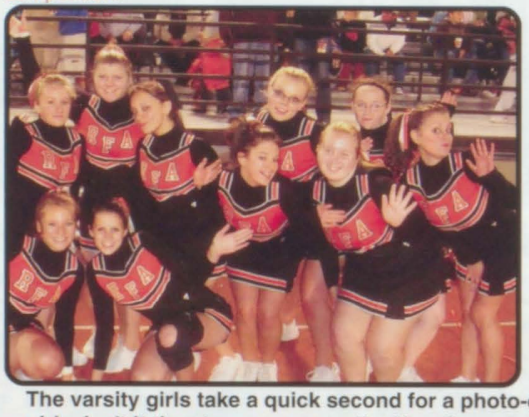
The Varsity team took first place at the CNY-CL Competition in the small varsity divison.

Sarah Burke

Alex Ferlo

Sarah and Ashley

Nora gets Charlotte ready for competition.



The varsity girls take a quick second for a photo-op. Now girls, isn't it time to go warm up the Hop Over stunt?

Varsity

Front Row: Ciera Ayers, Stephanie Donovan, Ashley Baker, Alex Ferlo, Nora Bohning
Back Row: Charlotte Ozuna, Elizabeth McFadden, Samantha Flick, Coach Aaron Calandra, Laura Bochniak, Tegan Griffith, Sarah Burke

Team Awards:
Most Improved-Sarah Burke
Most Spirited-Nora Bohning
Coaches' Award-Ashley Baker

Knights gonna go, go! Knights Gonna win win, Knights Gonna fight fight! Go Black Knights Lets go Fight Win

Sam and Mariah

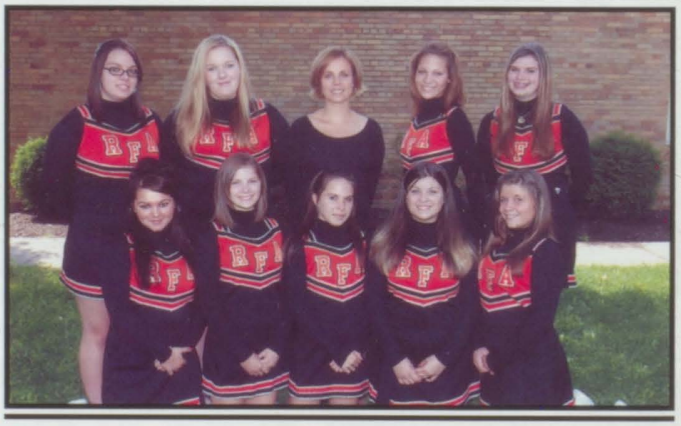
Push up time

Brytny Coleman

Rebecca Schultz

Junior Varsity & Varsity pumping up the crowd during Senior Night.

Junior Varsity



Front Row: Mariah Puchyr, Tiffany Mumpton, Kristy Jones, Jennifer Simmons, Mia Rondinelli
Back Row: Samantha Boisen, Jessica Brickley, Coach Aaron Calandra, Brytny Coleman, Rebecca Schultz

Girls Varsity Tennis

Front row: Katey Portner, Monica Nuovong, Ashley Pacicca, Kathryne Davis, Carrie Last, Amanda Kaier
Second Row: Renee Kennedy, Helen Waterman, Judy Benjamin, Shannon Farrell, Alyssa Cavalier, Kati Tan
Last Row: Coach "B", Nicole Anken, Deanna Washburn, Dona Occhipinti, Erin Hall, Lauren Bendell, Alex McMay

Carrie Last is always ready for tennis!

Left: Monica Nuovong prepares for her winning hit!

Right: Ashley Paccica enjoying a good practice.

Left: Nicole Anken getting pumped for her favorite sport, TENNIS!!

Renee Kennedy sends the ball spiraling back at her opponent.

Bottom: Monica Nouvong

"Tennis is an addiction that once it has truly hooked a person it will not let them go."

Girls Varsity Soccer

1. Sarah Southwell helps Shelli Jensen warm up for their game against Central Square.
2. Jackie Welch rejoices the team's win with Rachel Reid.
3. Jessica Lomazzo uses her fancy footwork to get past the opposing team.
4. It's not all hard work with the Varsity Lady Knights.
5. It's like one big family with the Lady Knights.

Front Row: Captains - Hilary Baker, Emma Duchesneau, Jackie Welch.
Middle Row: ShelliAnn Jensen, Sarah Southwell, Kaitlin Fahey, Maria Tomassi, Jessica Lomazzo, Molly Messenger, Rachel Reid, Karina Swanson, Tricia Metzger.
Back Row: Leigh Shoemaker, Hannah Charney, Erica Foley, Erin Thomas, Brittany Bartlett, Coach Spindler, Antoinette Dainotto, Amanda Ingham, Danielle Pauba, Taylor Holst, Chelsea Holz, Alyssa Torres.

STATS

10-7-2	Us	Them
Cortland	1	4
New Hartford	3	1
B'Ville	0	5
Proctor	11	0
Nottingham	5	0
Oswego	0	0
B'Ville	0	12
CSquare	2	5
FM	3	2
Liverpool	0	3
Auburn	0	2
West Genesee	1	0
Corcoran	9	0
CNS	1	1
Ilion	7	0
Oneida	1	0
Henniger	7	0
Nottingham	1	0
Auburn	1	2

Boys Varsity Soccer

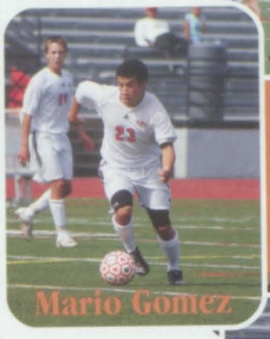
Memories From The Season

Danny Smith controls the ball as he works his way down the field.

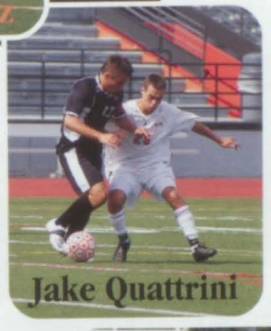
Josh Sexton fights off a Proctor opponent as he tries to advance the ball up field .

Nico DiMaggio jumps to make that amazing save.

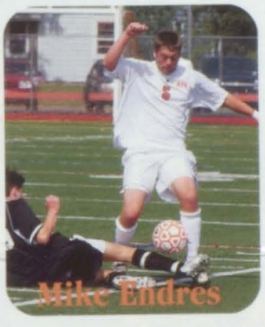
Jeff Streifert



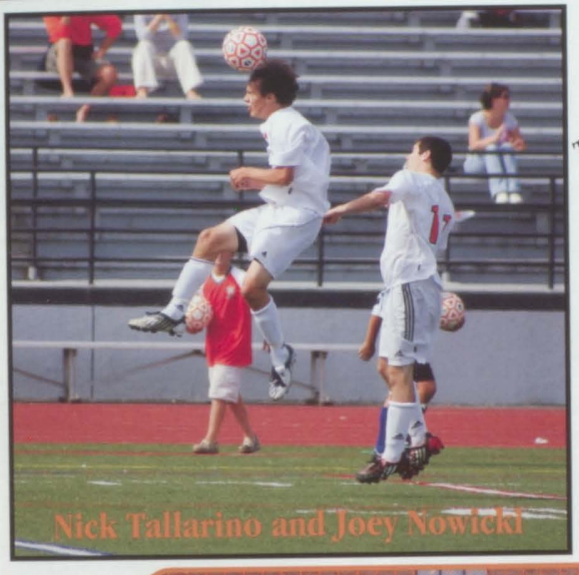
Mario Gomez



Jake Quattrini

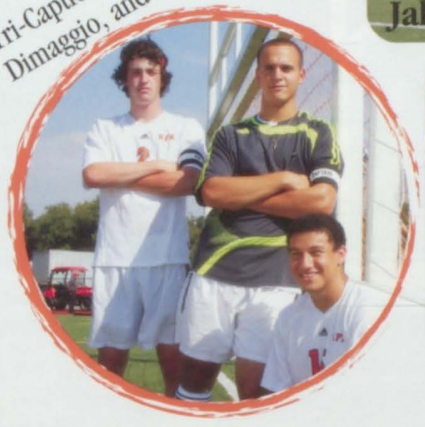


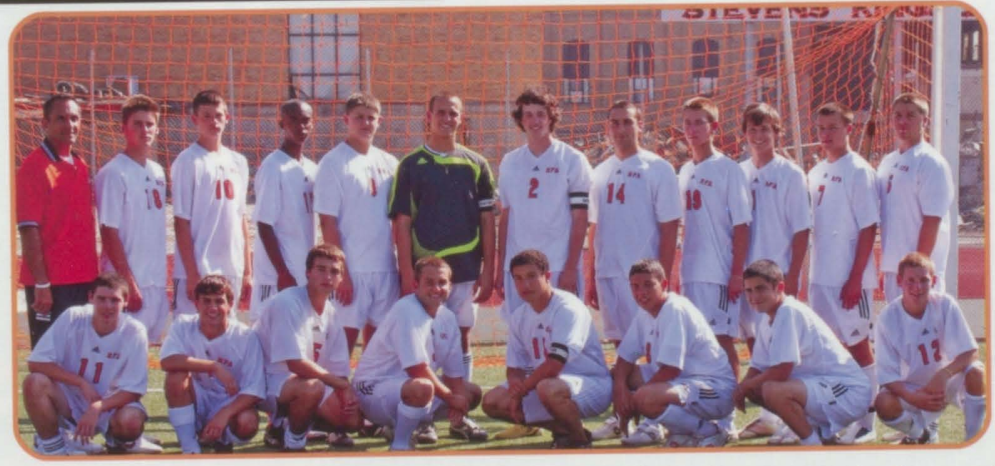
Mike Endres



Nick Tallarino and Joey Nowicki

Tri-Captions Neil Janes, Nico Dimaggio, and Mario Gomez





Front Row: Joe Nowicki, Ray Seymour, Jake Quattrini, Chris Destito, Mario Gomez, Robbin Humphrey, Nick Angelicola, Zach Joyce

Back Row: Coach Keith Meola, Brian Burke, Josh Sexton, Anthony DeJean, Dan Smith, Nico DiMaggio, Neil Janes, Jeff Streifert, Richard Hojnacki, Nick Tallarino, Frank Mellace, Mike Endres

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Junior Varsity Boys Soccer

Back Row: Garrett Janes, Jeremy Aiello, Brendon Bielby, Paul Maitland, Gavin Maloney, Kyle Williams, Matt Hildreth, Dakota Costello, Randy Linderman, & Coach Reese.

Front Row: Mike Ferris, Ryan Fanelli, Dylan Gratch, Dominic Storms, Stephen Joyce, Jake Gulla, Sam Pomilio, & Austin Kahler.

1. Jake Gulla is all ready to bring the pass down the field.

2. Mike Ferris and Matt Hildreth dribble a bit before their game against Central Square.

3. Jeremy Aiello throws the ball into play.

4. Not everyone is paying attention to the "Before Game" pep talk given by Coach Reese.

Junior Varsity Girls Soccer

Back row: Rachael Hojnacki, Courtney Wheeler, Rachel Noone, Mia Pasqualetti, Morgann Smith, Megan O'Connell, Sarah Miller, Hannah Wasco, Kelsey Witzigman, and Samantha Lopez.

Front row: Lindsey Nowicki, Caitlyn Gallagher, Mary Resnach, Halie Schoff, Nicole Vanderjagt, Natalie Streifert, Mia Hernandez, and Jenna Gillen.

Coaches: Mike Tag & Scott Hall

Freshman Soccer

Alicia W.

Rebecca Hayes

Nino C.

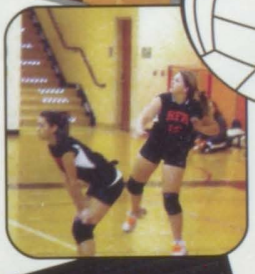
Sawyer R.

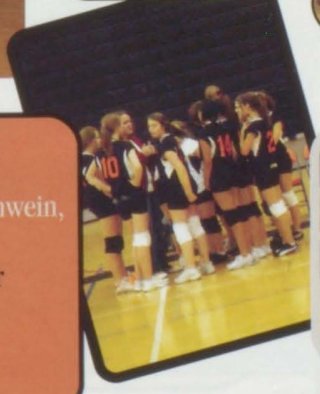
Mike V.

Back:Jenna Tagliaferri, Brittany Edwards, Lauren Felice, Lauren Popovich, Lindsey Bartlett, Krista Anken, Kayli Smith, Coach Matt Downs
Middle: Tanner Harding, Abby Gray, Emily Closinski, Alessandra Johnson, Jessica Flaim, Alexis Marineau, Olga Russell
Front:Alicia Wittman, Jessica Gallagher, Jordan General

Back: Zach Linderman, Josh Metzger, Mike Mellace, Jake Pohl, Ross Tuzzolino, Erik Winberg, Kyle Dombrowski, Derek Sexton, Josh Mazzaferro , Sebastian Domenico, Collin LaRoche, Spencer Kahler, Coach
Front: Sawyer Razy, Tavin Hunziker, Michael Jensen, Mike Vanderhoof, Nino Campanella, Cameron Dupont, Tommy Amuso, Zack Petroski, Curtis Wilhelmsen

Junior Varsity Volleyball





Coach- Ashley Manning

Back: Mary Kay Pruckno,Danielle Parsons,Kelsi Sanzone,Sierra Ernenwein, Brittany Theall, Carissa Lapointe
Middle Row: Kiara Febres,Alyssa Crippen,Anyssa Harris,Jennifer Decker,Chelsea Hatzinger
Front:Kristie Richardson,Alexa Iacone,Brittany Beckwith

Gurls Varsity Volleyball

Stats:

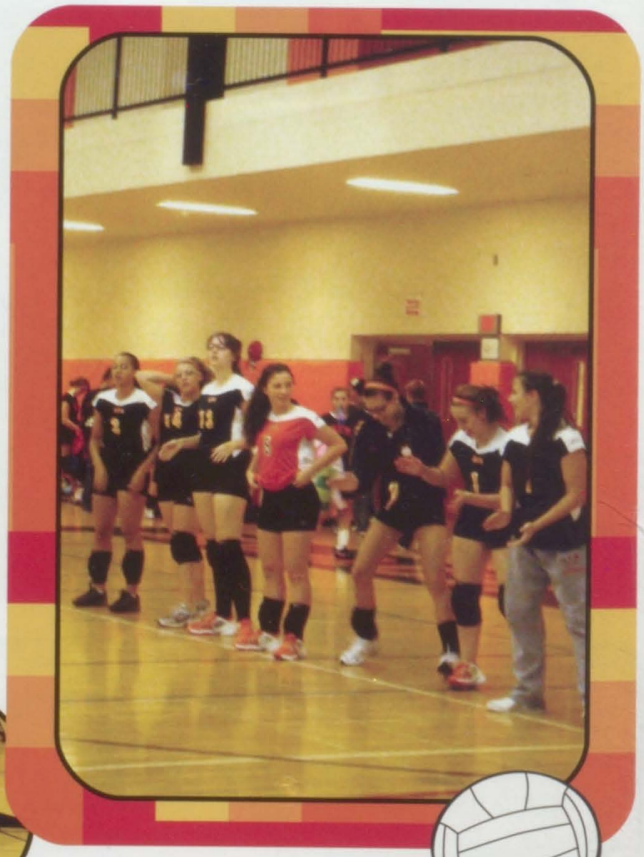
won:2
lost:17
tied:0

Total games :19

1st Row: Aimee Anno, Amelia Casalenuovo, Jordan Hadsell
2nd row: Gianna Iacone, Mallory Krebs, Jessica Carman, Mirra Campbell, Elaine Serrano
3rd row: Coach Steates, Jessica Drake, Nicole Bialobreski, Eleanor Holdridge, Brittany Webb, Maddy Pegues, Nicole Wasco

Maddy to the net getting ready to block and set the team up to win!

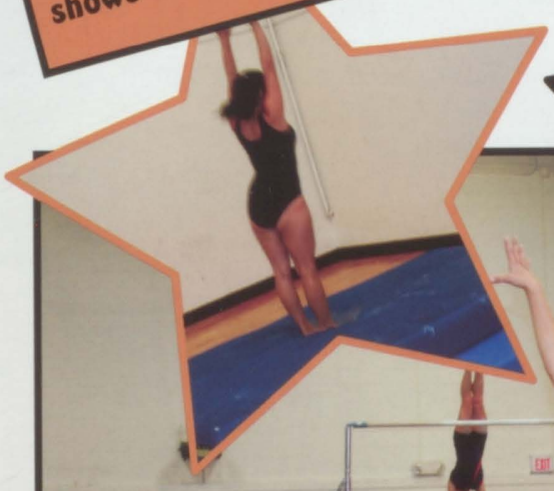
Murra sets up Jordan for a slammin' spike!



The team huddles to plan how to crush the other team. Go Gurls!

From Left: Haley Duran, Brianna Torres, Audrey Duran, Alyssa Acomb, Jenna Grago, Alexandra Samuels, and McKenzie Tine

Senior Brianna Torres shows off her moves!



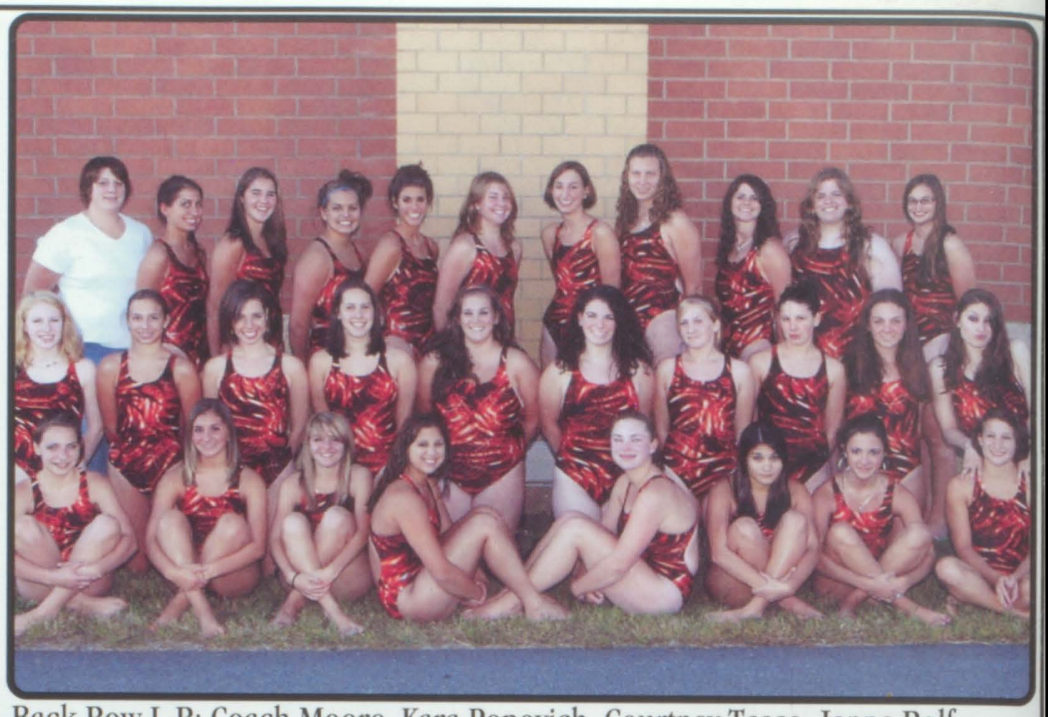
Let's Get Ready to tumble!!

Mckenzie strikes a stunning pose for the camera!

The girls take a break for a snapshot!

Gymnastics

Girls Varsity Swimming & Diving



Back Row L-R: Coach Moore, Kara Popovich, Courtney Tasco, Jenna Rolf, Taylor Pettinelli, Kate Dibert, Erin Bojanek, Samantha Brookins, Lindsey Gates, Megan Montana, Danielle DeSalvio
Middle Row L-R: Jillian Gardner, Ashley Eadline, Deanna Dearo, Katie Mumpton, Taylor Harding, Clarissa Barrigar, Stephanie Dibert, Breanna DeHart, Rachel McNamara, Chloe Pfendler
Front Row L-R: Lisa Barker, Allyson Fiorenza, Samantha Murphy, Rachel Feldman, Tess Niznik, Maya Aboumrad, Kelsey Cataldo, Angela Marcoccia
Missing from photo: Jessica Luczak and Samantha Alder

1. Sam Brookins balances herself on the board to make sure she gets that big score.

2. Erin Bojanek and Katie Mumpton are resting their muscles in between events.

3. Kara Popovich is enjoying her first year on the team with second year swimmer Allyson Fiorenza.

4. The Seniors enjoyed their final meet as their season came to an end.

5. Stephanie Dibert and Ashley Eadline are always making up crazy moves in the water.

6. Taylor Pettinelli and her teammates get ready to drive off the block.

7. Sectionals drag suits are amazing and worn by Jenna Rolf and Taylor Pettinelli

8. Taylor Pettinelli pushes to finish the 100 yrd. butterfly.

9. Deanna Dearo gets herself ready before the official blows that whistle.

10. Danielle DeSalvio grabs for a drink after a hard set.

page by Tess Niznik

Winter Sports

Heat It Up!

Burning Up the Track: Anthony Dejean has earned many accomplishments in indoor track and field this year. Anthony is the Section III champion in the 55 meter dash and in the long jump. Anthony is going to states ranked 4th in the 55 and 5th in the long jump. He has also qualified for nationals.

Boys Swimming and Diving

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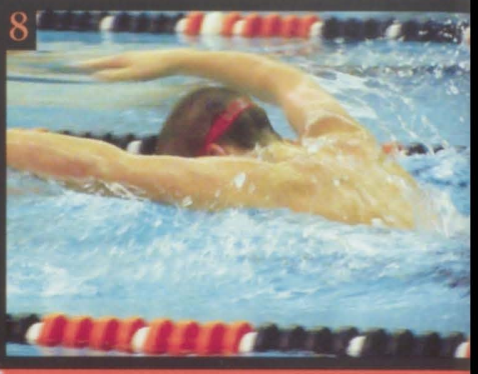
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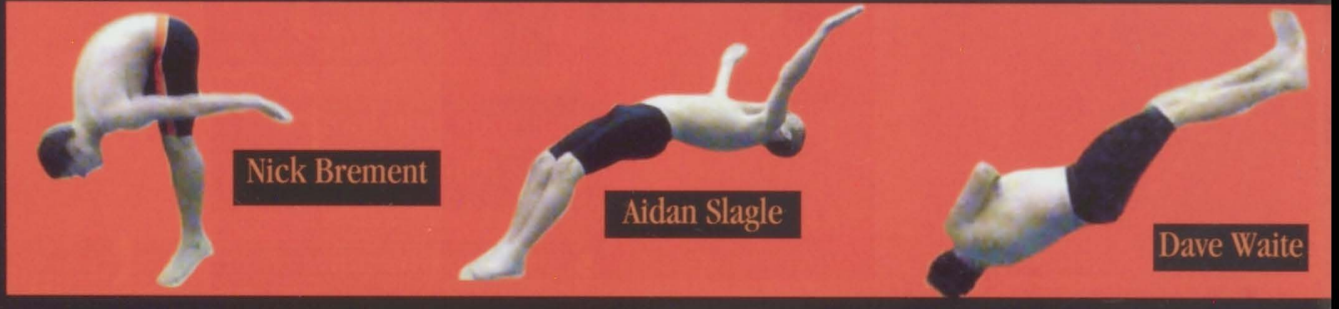


Front row: Nathan Fox, John Hughes, Nick Brement, David Waite, Jair Linder
Middle row: James Finnie, Nick Clifford, Chris Debany, Eric Pacicca, Randy Pawlikowski, Alex Brement, Zebadiah Martin, Adam Noyes, Steven Internicola, Aidan Slagle
Back row: Brandon McSweeney, Thomas Warcup, Joseph Mastraccio, John Cassese, Coach Prosser, Kevin Lapolt, Geoffrey Linderman, Corey Carter, Tom Gymburch, Dylan Smith, Coach Moore, Coach Connery

1- John Cassese and Nick Brement get ready to do some belly flops. 2- The team gets together to do a cheer after their meet against Liverpool. 3- Randy Pawlikowski flies into the pool. 4 8th grader Adam Noyes cheers o his teammates enthusiastically. 5 Chris Debany swims the 200 IM. 6-Tom Gymburch swims the breast-stroke. 7- As diving prepares to start, other team members look on intently. 8- Aidan Slagle does the butterfly.

Girls Varsity Bowling

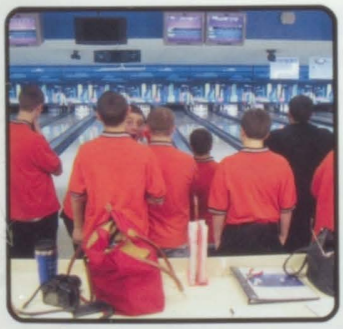
Top row: Christiane Rudd, Brianna King, Andrea Eastup, Olivia Bodley, Jackie White, Coach Bird
Middle Row: Sarah Foley, Renee Rodriguez, Sam Roher.
Bottom Row: Sianna Raphial, Melody Gifford, Alexia Gaulteri.

Missing from photo: Adreonna Armstrong

The girls who participated in sectionals were Christiane Rudd, Brianna King, Andrea Eastup, Olivia Bodley, Sarah Foley, and Melody Gifford.

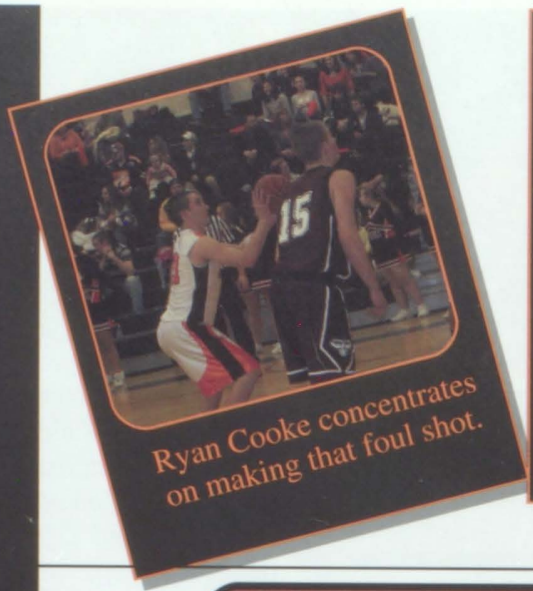
Boys Varsity Bowling

The boys who participated in sectionals were Anthony Barretta, Ben Salisbury, Seth Abel, Travis Holmes, Sean Bird, and Joey Grago. They placed fifth overall out of fifty teams.



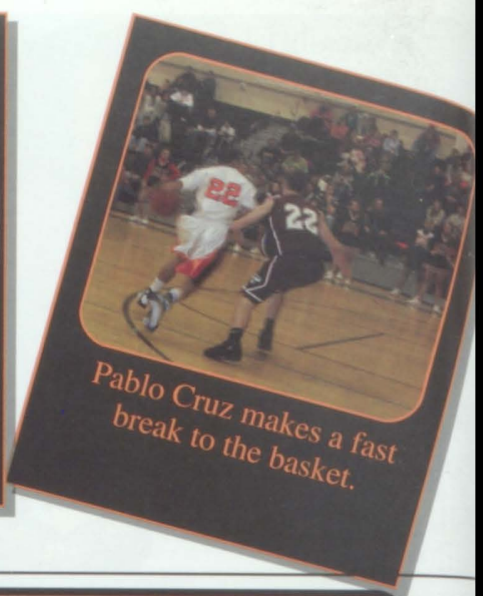
1st row: John Iacone, Tom Hluska
2nd row: Tyler Speral, Matt Barretta, Travis Holmes, Jarred Mattie, Ben Salisbury, Coach Nimmo
3rd row: Joey Grago, Cody Seeley, Sean Bird, Matt Webster, Seth Abel
Missing from photo: Anthony Barretta

Boys Varsity Basketball



Ryan Cooke concentrates on making that foul shot.

The boys FIRST WIN of the season!!!



Pablo Cruz makes a fast break to the basket.

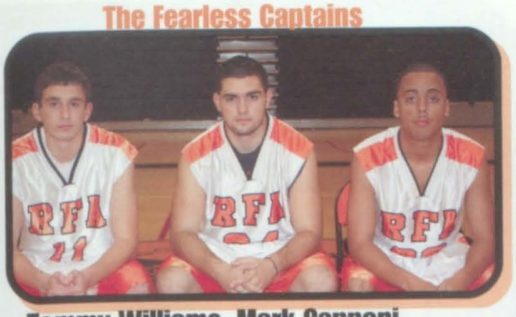
Back Row: Coach Medicis, Andy D'Amore, Ryan Cooke, Anthony Rowlands, Josh Kozlowski, Eric Williams, Garrett Redding, Max Ellis, Zach Sjoblom

Front Row: David Hines, Phil Wimberly, Tom Williams, Mark Capponi, Pablo Cruz, Tim Abone, Domingo Pierce

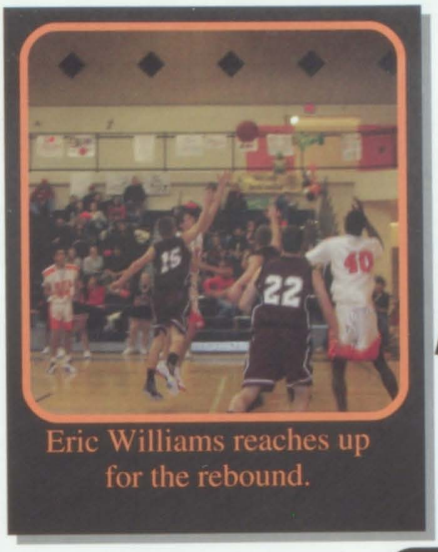
Tommy Williams makes yet another three pointer.

Boys JV Basketball

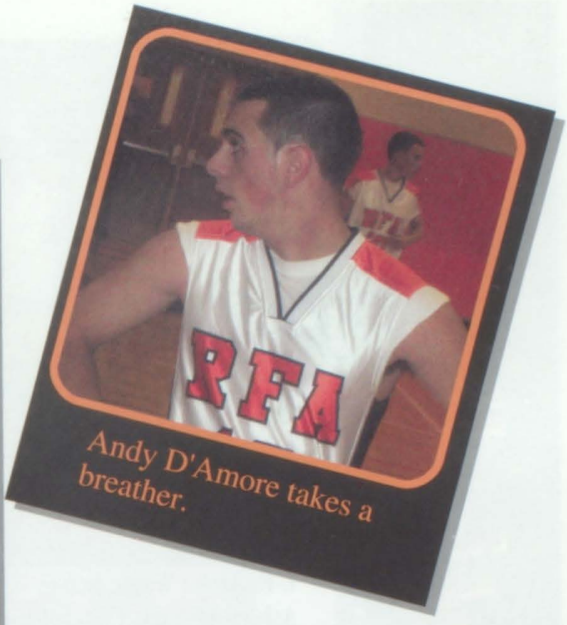
The Fearless Captains



Tommy Williams, Mark Capponi, and Pablo Cruz



Eric Williams reaches up for the rebound.



Andy D'Amore takes a breather.

Ryan Cooke dribbles around the opposing team to get a shot at that basket.

The boys get ready to block out and get the rebound.

Front Row L-R: Larhan Mims, Jonathan Griggs, Isaiah Olivo, Jordan Henry, Rich Stapleton, Steven Eychner, Dylan Gratch
Back Row L-R:Coach Rick Cooke, Zack Barrigar, Ryan Hughes, Dominique Griggs, Brandon Gullo, Joel Wenndt, Dylan Thomas, Jason Simmons, Justin Henry

The Captains of the JV Team:

Dylan Gratch, Jason Simmons

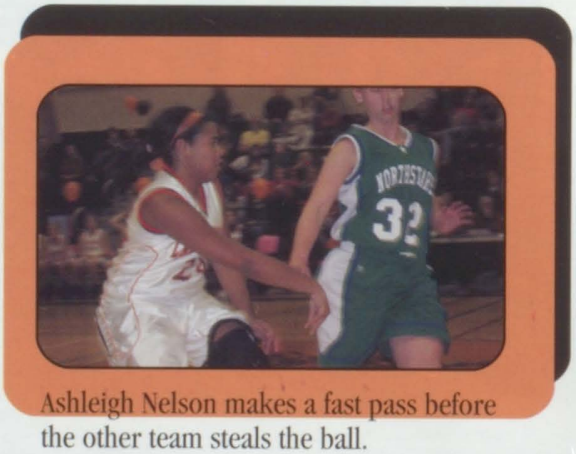
Girls Varsity Basketball

L-R: Sasha Watts, Kelsey Bird, Kaitlyn Fahey, Erica Stapleton, Paige Diberardino, Ashley Millner, Coach Esposito, Jensen Metott, Madalana Pegues, Lyndsey Brognano, Allyson Eggan, Ashleigh Nelson, Kayla Smith, Heather Fish

LYNDSEY BROGNANO

Maddy Pegues gets ready before making that foul shot. While Kaitlin Fahey gets ready for the rebound.

Kelsey Bird looks to see who is open to give the pass.



Ashleigh Nelson makes a fast pass before the other team steals the ball.

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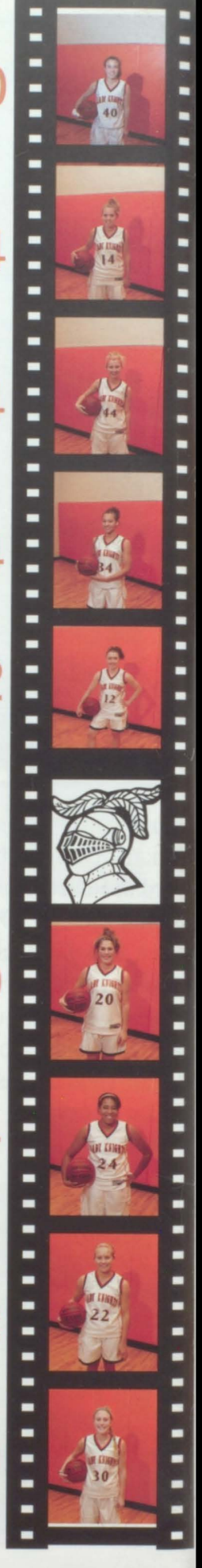


To be a Team, You must be a Family.

The team gets ready before playing in their last game.

Heather Fish drives the ball to the basket.

Maddy Pegues reaches to make a block.

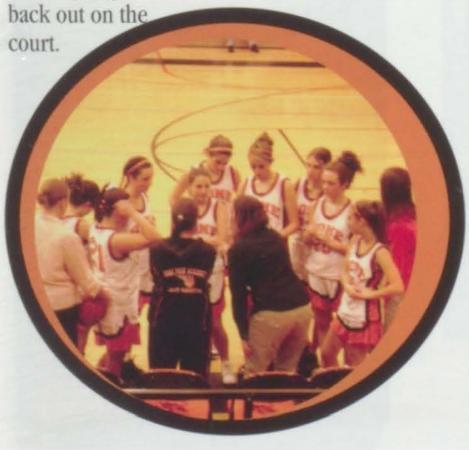
Paige Diberardino blocks the other team from interfering in a play.

Sara Luczak tries to keep her arms up to distract the other team.

Crystal Waters and Katie Mott look to see who gets the jump ball.

Back Row L-R: Courtney Tasco, Coach Tuthill, Nicole Campbell, Lindsey Gates, Rachel McNamara, Crystal Waters, Mariah Puchyr, Hannah Gulla, Sara Luczak, Coach Roberts, Jamie Marcinkowski
Front Row L-R: Alana Quance, Katie Mott, Kaysie Gregory

The team groups up before going back out on the court.



Kaysie Gregory, Alana Quance, Katie Mott and Jamie Marcinkowski keep eyes on the ball to keep it away from the basket.

The team gathers up for a quick cheer.

Girls JV Basketball

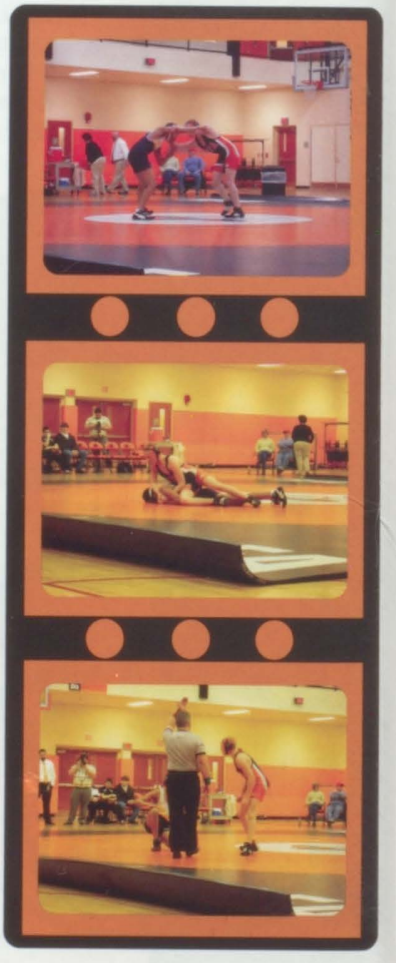
Freshman Boys and Girls Basketball

Back Row L-R: Mark Melioris, Collin LaRoche, John Pich, Ryan Metott, Lenni Benedetto, Llyod Parkmond, Coach Scoones.
Front Row L-R: Marquise Ellis, Desmond Clark, Saleem Lewis, Jeff Cooke, Brandon Fernandez, Tomas Torres, Spencer Kahler

Back Row L-R: Kaylee Hrynuk, Kaylee Smith, Vita Puma, Bianca Capponi
Middle Row L-R: Alyssa Cavalier, Kartina Pamonte, Megan O'Connell, Krista Anken, Hannah Wasco
Front Row L-R: Jordon General, Nicole Anken, Angela McLean, China Richardson, Coach Baldwin

Junior Varsity Wrestling

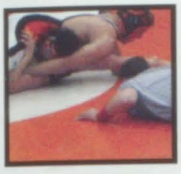
Back Row L-R: Coach Soboleski, Brandon White, Kevin Torchia, Karl Wilhelmsen, Troy Smith
Front Row L-R: Kegan Marchione,Kyle Matthews, Mike Madonia, Nathaniel Kierpiec



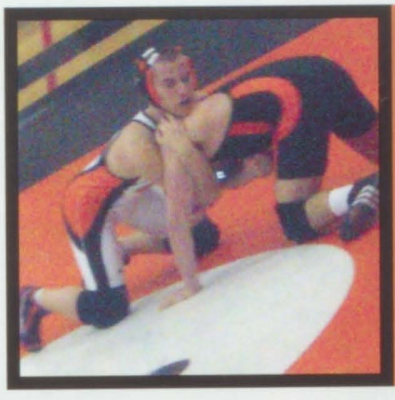
Varsity Wrestling

Back Row: Coach Tabolt, Stefano Iodice, Larry Benjamin, Daniel Secor, Steven Pawlikowski, Matt Leggett, Jacob Forester, Jason Semearao, Coach Soboleski, Coach Mingo

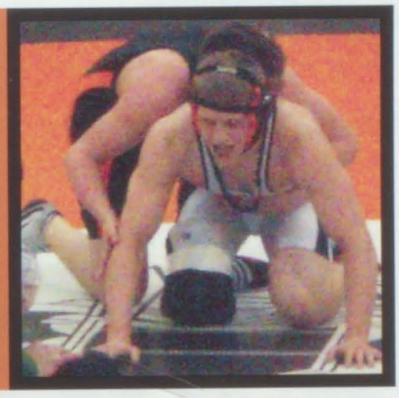
Front Row: Antonio Deluco, Brent Valentine, Ryan Misurda, Kristie Richardson, Jeff Brown, Brett Townsend, Justin Rutz, James Yates



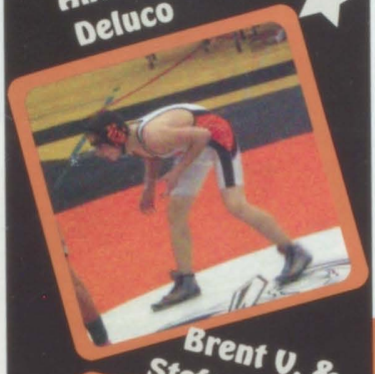
Justin Rutz



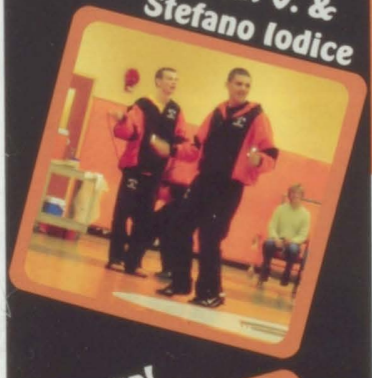
Matt Leggett



Antonio Deluco

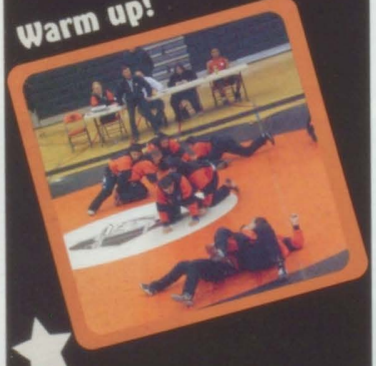


Brent V. & Stefano Iodice

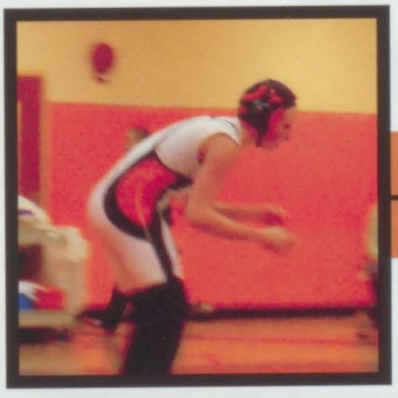


Varsity Senior Night

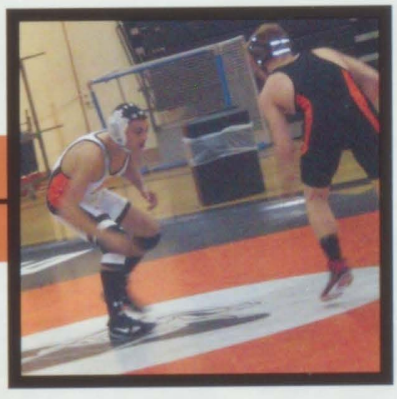
Warm up!



Kristie Richardson

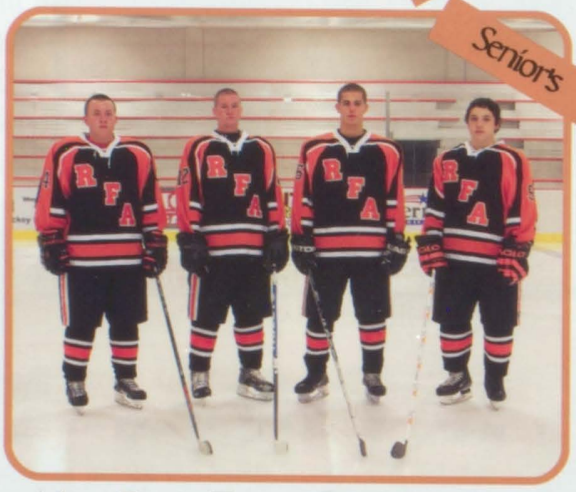


Stefano Iodice



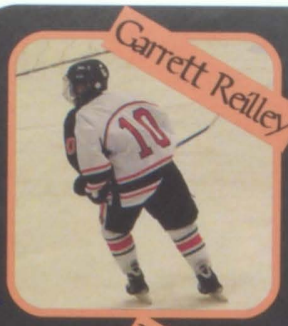
Boys Varsity Hockey

Dustin Frankey

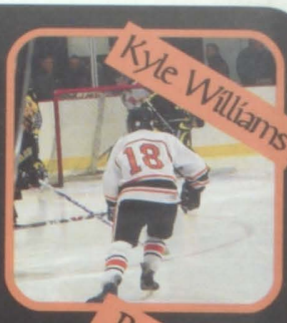


Seniors

Adam Davis, Trevor Brockway, Marco Dominic, Dustin Frankey



Garrett Reilley

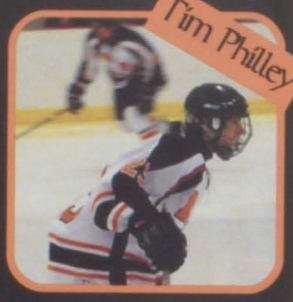


Kyle Williams

Matt DeMatteo

Robbie Waller

Mike Endres



Tim Philley

Trevor Brockway, T.J. Reilley, Mike Endres, Max Bartell take a knee during warm-up.

8th grader, Michael Seifert, skates down the ice after the puck.

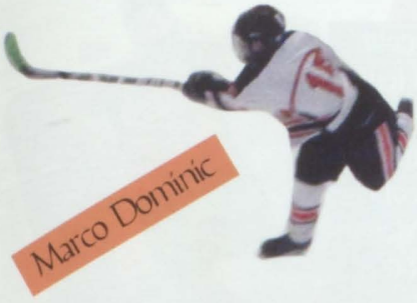
Garrett Reilley hustles towards the net.

Max Bartell and Dustin Frankey are ready at the face off.

STATS

League Record
8-4-2

Overall Record
12-11-2



Marco Dominic

Front row: Derek Pfeiffer, Nicole Kieffer, Robbie Waller, Coach Mastracco, Coach Cuthbertson, Coach Gzik, Nic Tardugno, Michael Seifert, Michael Endres
Middle row: Randy Linderman, Connor Miller, Eric Joyce, Adam Davis, Dustin Frankey, Marco Dominic, Trevor Brockway, Garrett Reilley, Tim Philley, Mike Pekarski, Andrew Ross Back row: Max Bartell, T.J. Reilley, Matt DeMatteo, Ryan Fanelli, Kyle Williams, Jeff Holzberger, Logan Fournier

sportbytes

The Black knights charge after the opposing team.

Senior, Trevor Brockway is fiercely competitive.

Adam Davis battles for the puck at the face off.

Eric Joyce skates down the ice to take a shot on net.

Matt DeMatteo watches his fellow teammates during a game.

The Black Knights defense rallies to win back the puck.

Girls Indoor Track and Field

Back: Ariel Schwendeman, Jessica Ball, Jessica Razy, Hilary Baker, Briana Pallas, Brianna Weir, Jazmin Costello **Middle:** Coach Couchman, Nicole Wasco, Desiree Fuller, Kelly Benfey, Krista Wolfe, Rafhanah Pitkin, Taylor Holst, Jenna French, Shelby Knapp **Front:** Christy Sirni, Judy Benjamin, Melanie Entelisano, Kathryne Davis, Carrie Bachmann, Kaitlyn Dupont, Sarah Southwell, Diane Manuele

Taylor H

Sarah S

Hilary B

Jessica R

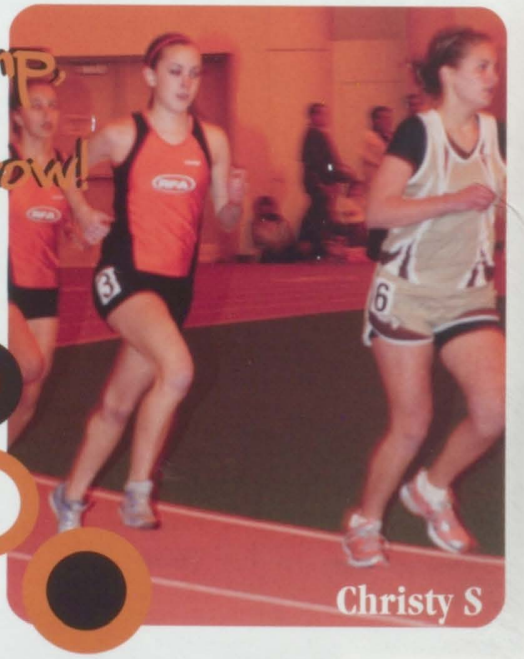
Judy B

This season, senior Nicole Wasco signed a national letter of intent to attend the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. This college is a Division 1 school. Nicole also recieved a Black R this year, was a Section III champ, and qualified for states and nationals.

Run,

Jump,

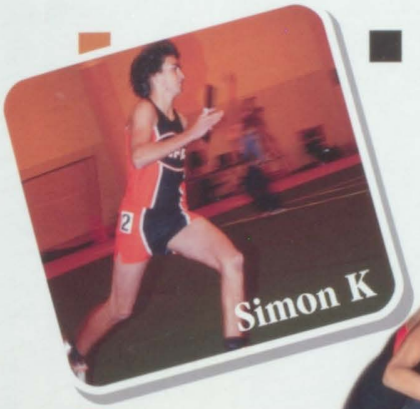
Throw!



Christy S

Boys Indoor Track and Field

Back: Billy Parker, Kyle Hash, Philip Caruso, Derek Ryan, Nathanael Williams, Simon Kristensen, Patrick Gosier, Joshuwa Maiolo, Roger Trigo, Michael Grider, Brandon Torres, Ralph House, Joe Fitzgerald, Coach Mays **Middle:** Mark Tardugno, Anthony Dejean, Sam Shields, James Gressel, Cornell Parrish, Mike Phillips, Mike Kobito, Cory Carinci, David Redner, Jake Slachciak, Mark Consiglio, Michael Paolillo **Front:** Josh Morgan, Frank Mastraccio, Pedro Christina, Adrian Hung, Kevin Chen, Charles Zonnevylle, Justin Torres, Anthony Moran, Connor Butters, Kevin Beckwith



Simon K

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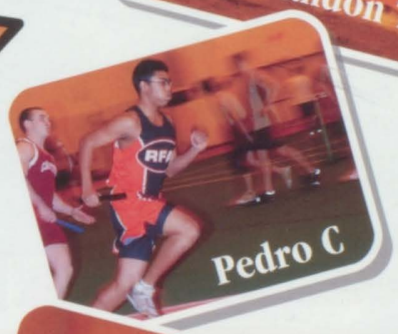

Pedro C

Jump,

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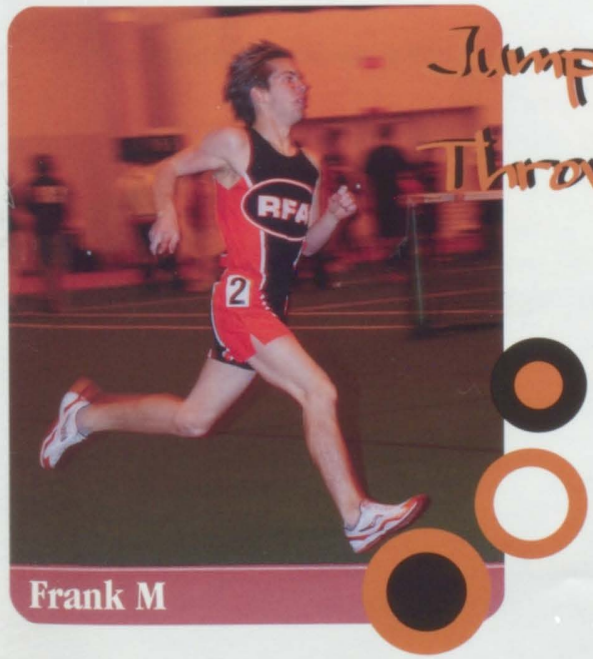

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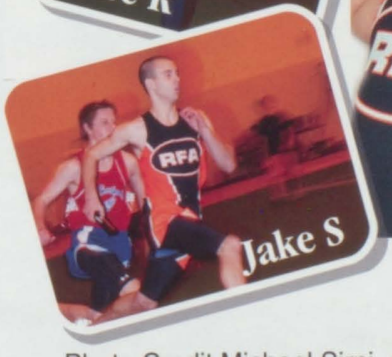
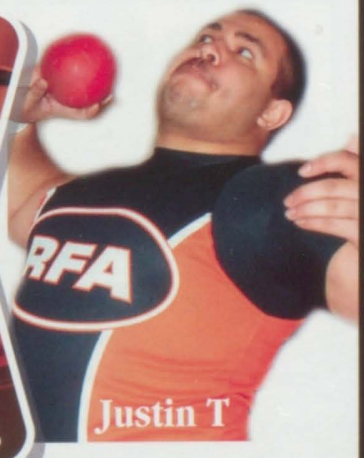
Lance R



Jake S



Justin T

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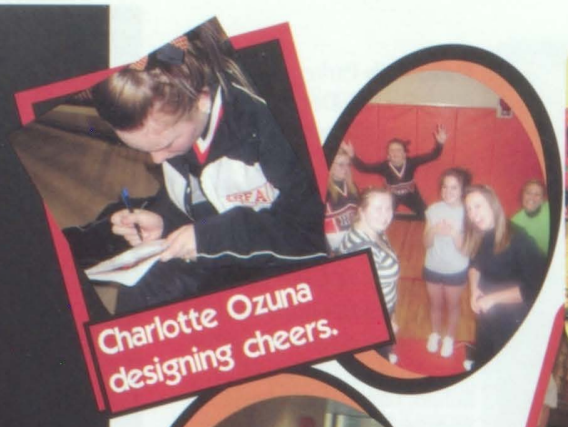
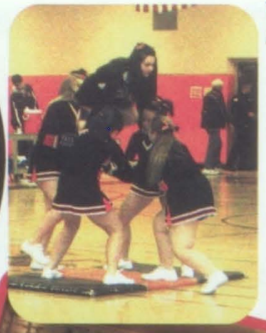
Basketball Cheerleading

Varsity & jr. Varsity



Charlotte Ozuna designing cheers.



Brytny Coleman is breaking it down.

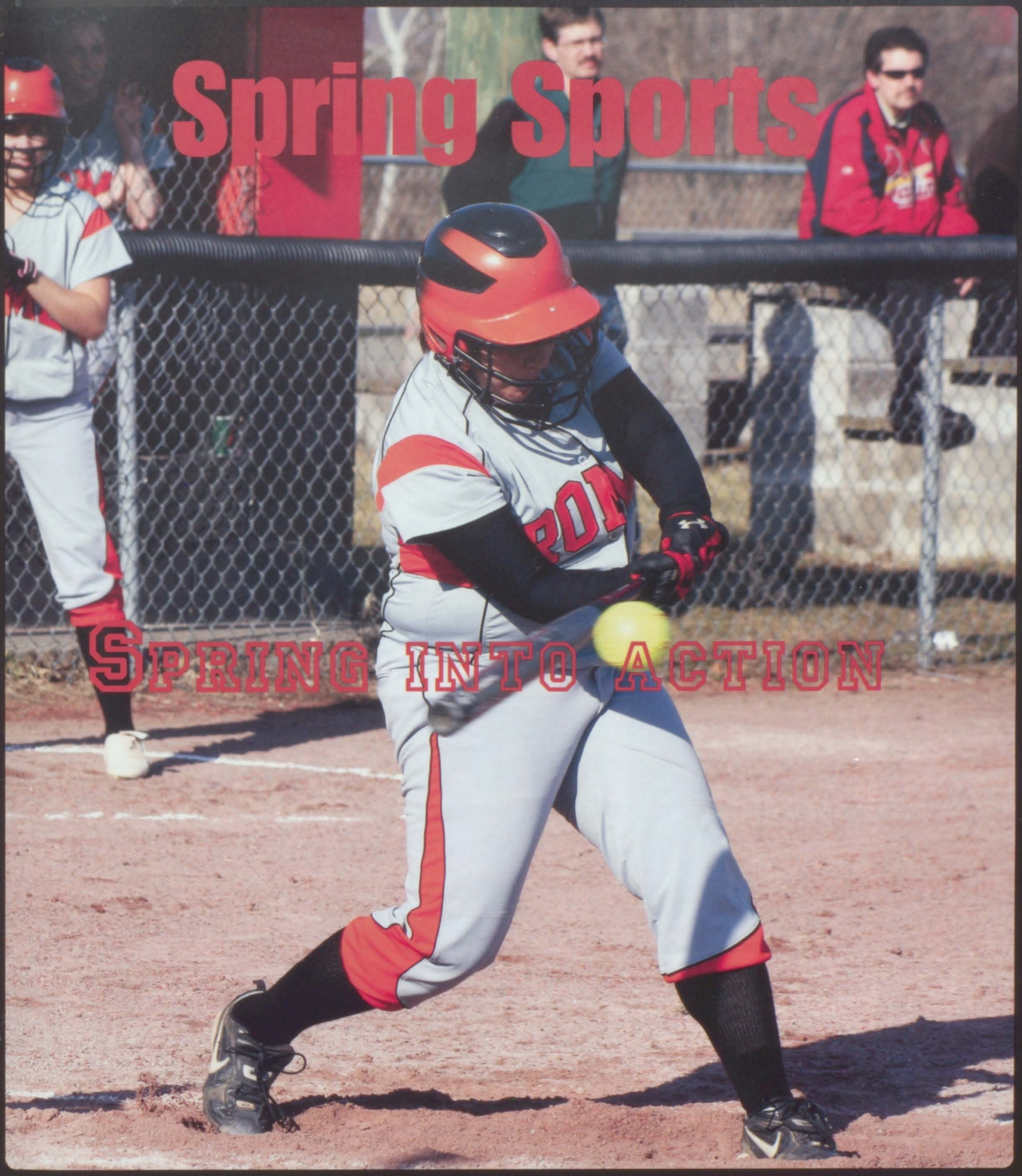
Varsity girls shoot Elise Fall into a high basket toss.

The girls are working hard on their pyramid.

First Row- Kayla Smith, Gabby Flanigan, Tegan Griffith, Miranda Pegues, Brytny Coleman, Jasmine Johnson, Sarah Burke, Sugundia Smith, Sam Boison, Coach Tina Lennon
Sec.Row- Katie Barringer, Laura Bochniak, Mia Rondinelli
Third row- Charlotte Ozuna, Carissa Ellinger Deanna Mezza,

Backrow- Kristy Jones, Felicia Burk, Theresa Campanaro, Alicia Calandra,Tiffany Mumpton, Coach Tina Lennon
Kneeling- Ciera Wiggins, Ashley Phillips
Sitting- Elise Fall

Spring Sports



Spring into Action

Senior Emma Duchesneau swings away against opponent Adirondack. Even an extremely frigid day in March doesn't stop Emma from being a softball star.

Girls Varsity Softball

Front Row: Captains Sarah Eggan and Lyndsey Brognano. Second Row: Stacy Skidmore, Kelly Miller, Melody Gifford, Emma Duchesneau, Alexis Zakala, Allyson Eggan. Third Row: Assistant Coach Wilson, Danielle Pauba, Amanda Ingham, Leigh Shoemaker, Sam Brookins, Nicole Kieffer, Amelia Casalenuovo, Kaysie Gregory, Head Coach Tabolt

Stacy Skidmore lands on base just in time. "SAFFFFEEE!"

Freshman Kaysie Gregory

Sophomore Allyson Eggan

Sophomore Nikki Kiefer

Sophomore Leigh Shoemaker

Sophomore Stacy Skidmore

[Senior Softball Stars]

★Captain Lyndsey Brognano★

★Captain Sarah Eggen

★Sam Brookins

★Amelia Casalenuovo

★Emma Duchesneau

Seniors Lyndsey Brognano, Amelia Casalenuovo and sophomore Leigh Shoemaker high five each other in between each innings.

The girls talk it up before their first home scrimmage.

Sophomore Alexis Zakala

Junior Melanie Clifford

Junior Amanda Ingham

Junior Kelly Muller

Junior Danielle Pauba

Boys Varsity Baseball

Back Row L-R: Coach Davis, Brandon Bertrand, Ryan Cooke, Dante Mezza, Trever Brockway, Michael Endres, Tim Abone, Jason Riggleman, Chris Fifield, Nicholas Brement, Coach Gzik
Front Row L-R: Tim Saccento, Kyle Conover, Mark Capponi, Zach Ciccotti, Andy D'Amore, Adam Davis, Jeremy Seaton, Robbie Waller

The boys get together before the big game. They went on to win their first game of the year against Proctor 7-6.

Zach Ciccotti is up to bat.

The Captions: Andy D'Amore, Zach Ciccotti, and Mark Capponi

Ryan Cooke takes a swing.

Kyle Conover sprints to get the ball to strike the runner out.

Tim Saccento waits for the pitch.

Zach Ciccotti signals to his teammates how many outs there are.

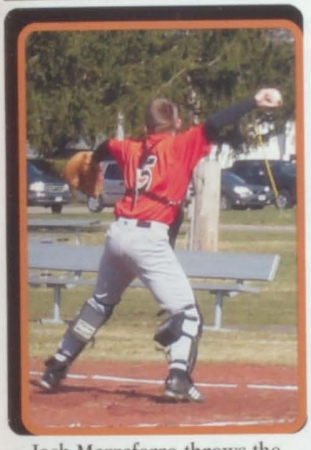
Trevor Brockway gets ready to field whatever comes his way.

Adam Davis gets ready to hit a home run.

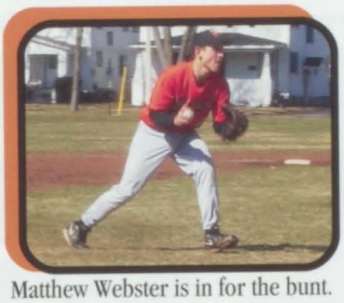
Pitcher Tim Abone winds and throws.

Dante Mezza is ready to catch any fly balls.

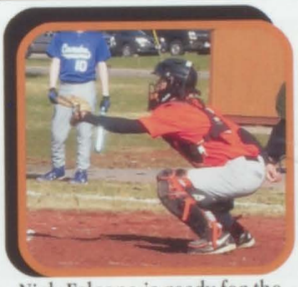
Andy D'Amore is alert and ready in the outfield.



Josh Mazzaferro throws the runner out at first.

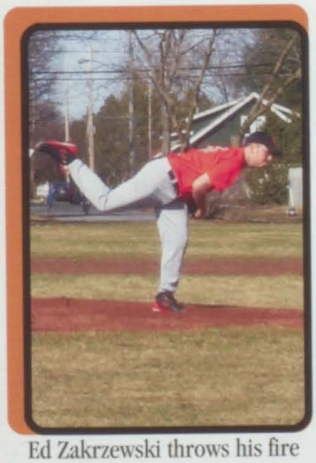


Matthew Webster is in for the bunt.



Nick Falcone is ready for the pitch.

Garrett Reilley is ready to smack a homerun.

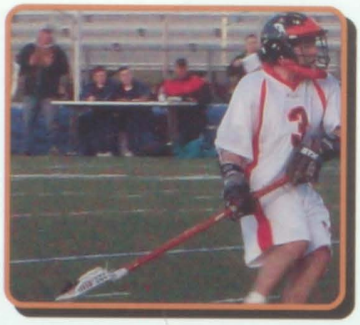


Ed Zakrzewski throws his fire against Camden.

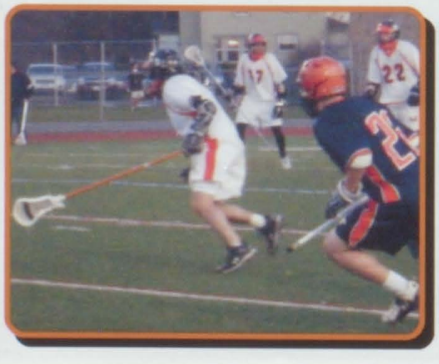
Front Row: Matt Hughes, Steven Eychner, Josh Mazzaferro, Nick Falcone **Middle Row:** Ryan Reilley, Zachary Barrigar, Sam Pomilio, Paul Trela, Josh Jones **Top Row:** Coach Randall, Derek Murphy, Ed Zakrzewski, Austin Kahler, Andrew Deblasiis, Matthew Webster, Josh Royce, Coach Cuthbertson **Missing from photo:** Garret Reilley

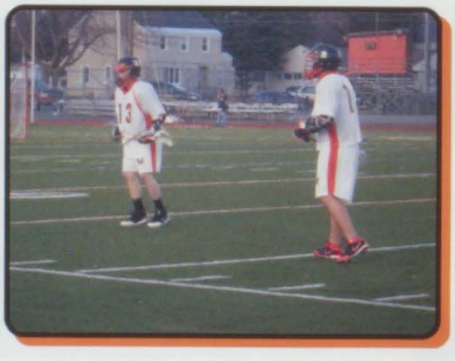
Boys JV Baseball

Boys Varsity Lacrosse

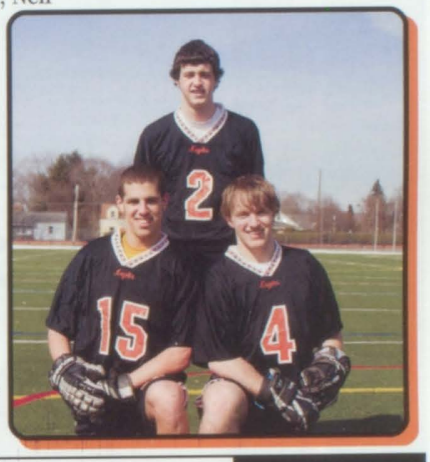


Row 4 L-R: Kagen Dewey, Robert Kohlbrenner, Luke Armstrong, Branden Bolivar, Garrett Janes
Row 3 L-R: Corey White, Nicholas Cignarale, Chris Toepp, Richard Stapleton, Ian Ford, Matt Leggett, Josh Morgan
Row 2 L-R: Coach J. Gualtieri, Dylan Sbarglia, Chris Destito, Nick Kieffer, Raymond Lanzi, Derrick Connor, Ethan Froelich, Coach G. Calandra
Row 1 L-R: Derek Pfeiffer, Vinny Castro, Neil Janes, Marco Dominic, Joe Fitzgerald, Jacob Gulla, Brian Burke
Missing: Nic Tardugno





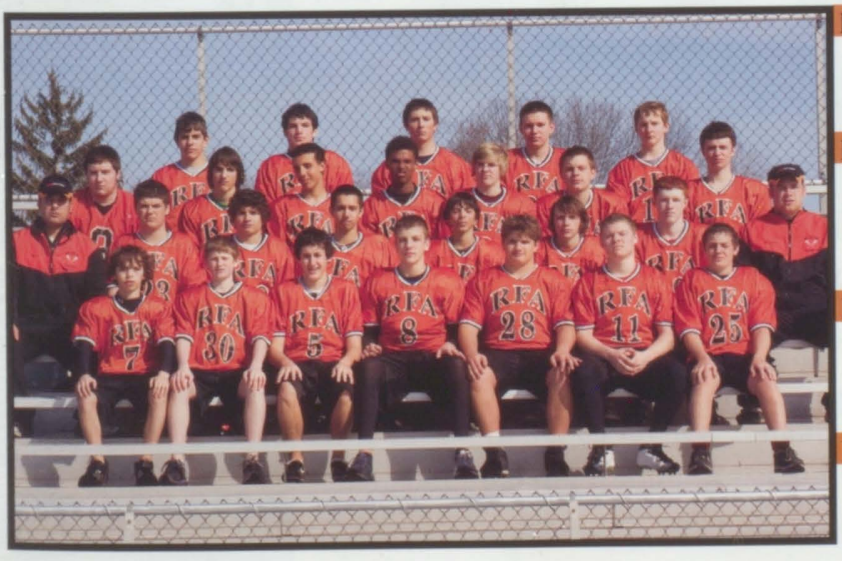
Seniors - Ray Lanzi, Chris Toepp, Rob Kohlbrenner, Corey White, Neil Janes, Marco Dominic, Brian Burke, Chris Destito



Captians: Neil Janes, Marco Dominic and Joe Fitzgerald

1. The team celebrates a good win!
2. Mike Vanderhoof gets prepared to catch the ball.
3. Mike Harvey is ready to get the ball.
4. Tommy F. races to the other side of the field.
5. Nice catch by Drew Hinman!
6. Mike H. and Nino C. slow it down.
7. Team members talk with their coaches.
8. The team waits to see if their goal was a success!
9. Fighting for the ball!

Boys JV Lacrosse



Row 1 Mike Mahl, Michael Seifert, Zach Martinelli, Conner Richie, Derek Trifeletti, Mike Harvey, Ryan Gotti

Row 2 Brandon Barber, Devin Trifeletti, Mike Agosto, Nino Campanella, Tommy Fleming, Randy Linderman

Row 3 John Urbanik, Jacob Loson, James Clark, Marcus Campos, Mike Pekarski, Logan Fournier, Cameron Kondella

Row 4 Drew Hinman, Mike Vanderhoof, Gavin Maloney, Troy Vienneau, Corey Hanson, Missing: Angelo Renzi

Varsity Girls Lacrosse

Back Row L-R: Erica Stapleton, Taylor Pettinelli, Katie Mott, Kelsey Cacciatori, Erica Foley, Kelsey Bird

Middle Row L-R: Courtney Wheeler, Alex Town, Kayla Smith, Christina Emmanuele, Ariana Smith, Rachael Hojnacki, Danielle Famolaro

Front Row L-R: Jessica Harvey, Abigail DePaul, Leigh Nicholas, Erin Thomas

Missing: Brittany Bruce

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1. Kayla Smith runs in to make a goal.
2. The varsity girls wait for the throw in.
3. Brittany Bruce waits for the pass.
4. The team runs to catch up with the ball.
5. The team goes to shoot a goal in their scrimmage against Clinton.
6. Leigh Nicholas runs toward the opposing team's goal.
7. Danielle Famolaro and Katie Mott get ready for the opposing team to come to them.
8. Rachael Hojnacki tries to block the throw in.
9. Courtney Wheeler and Rachael Hojnacki team up against Clinton.

Danielle Famolaro watches the game from her goal.

Courtney Wheeler waits for the draw.

Kayla Smith dives for the ball.

Back Row L-R: Megan McCormick, Samantha Alder, Alyssa Marchesane, Ashley Armstrong, Mariah Puchyr, Marissa Armstrong, Rebecca Hayes

Front Row L-R: Naline Ernst, Rebecca Kieffer, Natalie Streifert, Megan Kaier, Kelsi Sanzone, Rachel Noone, Jessica Edwards

Girls JV Lacrosse

Girls Outdoor Track

Row 1: Nicole Wasco, Ashley Baker, Jackie Welch, Kaitlin Fahey **Row 2:** Sarah Southwell, Molly Messenger, Sam Nouvong, Brittany Westcott, Kaitlyn Dupont, Rachel Reid, Cassie Parker, Tori Zecca, Lindsey Pallay **Row 3:** Taylor Holst, Lauren Bendall, Shelby Knapp, Kaylee Hrynuk, Kassandra Jardines, Judy Benjamin, Renee Perrigo, Christy Sirni, Melanie Entelisano, Kathryne Davis **Row 4:** Kelly Benfey, Brianna DeHart, Jazmin Costello, Sam Boisen, Brianna Weir, Krista Wolfe, Nicole Anken, Rafhanah Pitkin, Shelli Jensen, Megan O'Connell **Row 5:** Coach Miller, Allison Cosimeno, Kayla Husband, Kim Hopper, Jamie Marcinkowski, Taylor Rapke, Jessica Razy, Briana Pallas, Andrea Childs, Hilary Baker, Coach Couchman

Kelly Benfey

Sarah Southwell flys through the air.

Christy Sirni and Shelby Knapp start off their race with a great pace.

Kayla Husband

Judy Benjamin

Nicole Wasco

Megan O'connell

Boys Outdoor Track

Back: David Pasqualetti, Adrian Hung, David Redner, Billy Parker, Michael Phillips, Ralph House, Patrick Gosier, Michael Grider, Roger Trigo, Nat Williams, Philip Caruso, Derek Ryan, Michael Kobito, Cornell Parrish, Kyle Hash, RJ Ferrucci, Michael Paolillo **Middle:** Justin Rutz, Sam Shields, Andrew Cotronea, James Gressel, Simon Kristensen, Kyle Williams, Anthony Dejean, Brandon Torres, Joshuwa Maiolo, Jake Slachciak, Jamal Gambrel, Frank Mellace, Nick Gray, RJ Hojnacki, Jacob Pomilio **Front:** Connor Butters, Kegan Marchione, Jeff Brown, Joey Mastraccio, Brandon Trautner, Frank Mastraccio, Ryan Misurda, Derek Treonze, Pedro Christina, Daniel Patterson, Mario Gomez, Dylan Famolaro, Ryan Fanelli, Michael Ferris

Joey Mastraccio

Billy Parker

Sam Shields

Anthony Dejean & Brandon Torres

Top: Rome's distance squad working on their speed.

Kyle Hash has a speedy start.

Left: Senior Justin Torres gets ready to throw the shot put.

Girls Golf

Marissa takes a basket of golf balls out to hit at "the Dome". The golf girls practiced at the Turning Stone Golf Dome during winter months.

Hannah gets ready to golf!

Lauren is one happy golfer.

8th Graders: Maryann Bulawa, Lauren Felice & Nicolette Darois

Freshman Andrea Eastup

Sophomore Sarah Foley

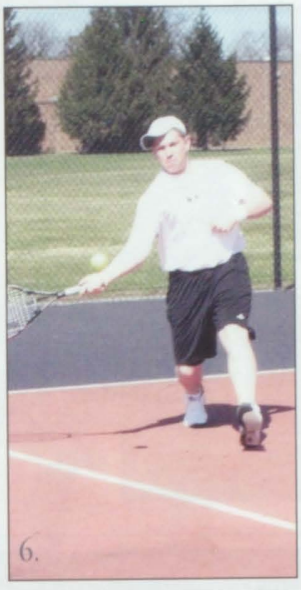
Junior Marissa Feole

Junior Hannah Charney

Junior Olivia Bodley

Senior Deanna Dearo

Boys Tennis



1. Jake Crofoot *is* "the net monster."
2. Jordan Gualtieri sets up to serve.
3. Nathan Fox shows off his back-hand swing.
4. Jordan General swings and hits.
5. The boys chase after balls at practice.
6. Jacob Forster attacks the ball.
7. Kyle Buol bounces the ball on the racquet.

Jordan General, Jake Crofoot, Kyle Buol, Nathan Fox, Peter Monahan, Jacob Forster, Jordan Gualtieri, Mike Fletcher, Michael Kerr, Coach Bevilaqua.

Missing: Corey Carter, John Cassese, Kevin Cieslewitz, Alex Felice, Amit Goel, Tim Hall, Paul Hunt, Sean Jadoo, Kevin Li, William Monahan, Collen Roller

Jv Softball

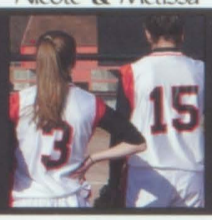
Jenna Gillen

Halie Schoff

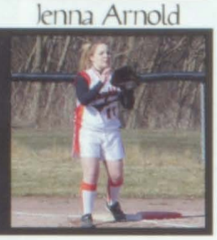
Jessie Flaim

Hannah Wasco

Nicole & Melissa



Jenna Arnold



Bianca Capponi

Courtney & Mary

Liz Gleasman

Rachel McNamara

Jenna Rolf

Katrina Piemonte

Row 1: Jessie Flaim, Jenna Gillen, Nicole Campbell, Bianca Capponi

Row 2: Elizabeth Gleasman, Rachel McNamara, Jenna Arnold, Coach Mike Deraway

Row 3: Melissa Gilbert, Halie Schoff, Courtney Tasco, Katrina Piemonte, Mary Resnach

Missing from photo: Jenna Rolf, Hannah Wasco

Freshman Baseball

Front Row: Glen Marsh, Dylan Thomas, Collin LaRoche, Mark Melioris, Cody Seeley
Back Row: Josh Luczak, Jake Palmer, Tommy Amuso, Joe Facciolo, Coach Bob Spindler, Eric Joyce, Conner Miller, Tommy Warcup, Jack Rotolo

Figure Skating

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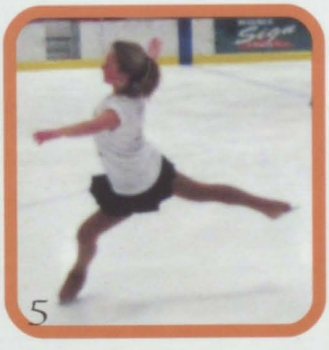
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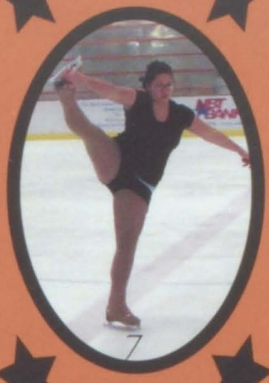
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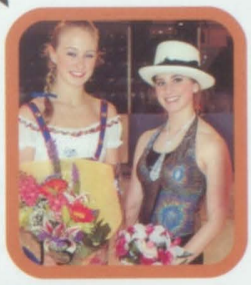
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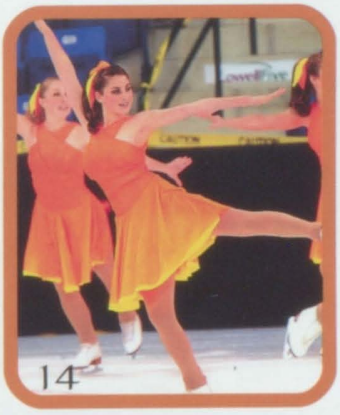
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1. Alyssa Barry poses while on the ice.
2. Malynda Hunt practices her scratch spin.
3. Malynda Hunt does a great waltz jump.
4. Cassie Seifert poses after receiving the silver medal at the Winter Empire State Games.
5. Caitlin Shean exits her loop jump.
6. Kim Hopper practices her layback spin.
7. Kim Hopper does a creative move called a widescale.
8. Who is that girl doing a spiral? It's senior, Alyssa Barry.
9. Caitlin Shean practices her Beillmann.
10. Nicole Burk practices her sit spin.
11. Melissa Gilbert, Aylssa Barry, and Caitlin Shean take a break during iceshow practice.
12. Nicole Burk sets up to do her flip jump.
13. Clinton figure skater, Cassie Seifert, stands with 2008 Junior U.S. National Champion, Alexe Gilles, at the Clinton iceshow .
14. Cassie Seifert preforms at Colonials in Lexington, Mass.

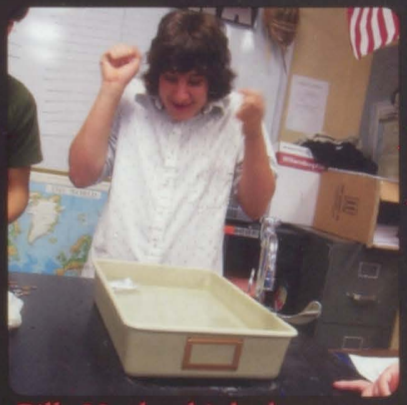
CLUBS

There are so many different clubs to join here at RFA. Whether the club is trying to make the world a safer and cleaner place or students just go to learn new things, just about every interest is covered by our clubs. Some have been around for years, and others are new to RFA, but they give all the students and faculty a chance to jump in and participate. From Chess Club to SADD, recycling cans and bottles to learning about a new culture or two, there is a club to draw an interest to everyone here at RFA. There are recreational clubs, the Knight Times, and clubs that have a touch of music or art. Some take place before school like STASS or after school like many language clubs such as French, Italian and Spanish and more academic clubs like Science and Mathletics. The time that students have during the club meetings is usually centered around learning and fun. Some clubs plan trips and some just work together to make the world better for all. Thanks to the staff, many clubs have been created to help teach students about things they might not have thought about before. You should strive to learn new things everyday. Don't miss out on the opportunities offered by the clubs here at RFA!

[It's What We Do]

Josh Roe symbolizes a student who has lost his life due to drunk driving. With the help of SADD, we can ensure that this never happens at RFA.

Kevin Chen helps to save the world in recycling club.



Billy Mucha thinks buoyancy is fun!

We're off to see the Wiz: The adorable and fun-loving "munchkins" welcome Dorothy.

Honor Society

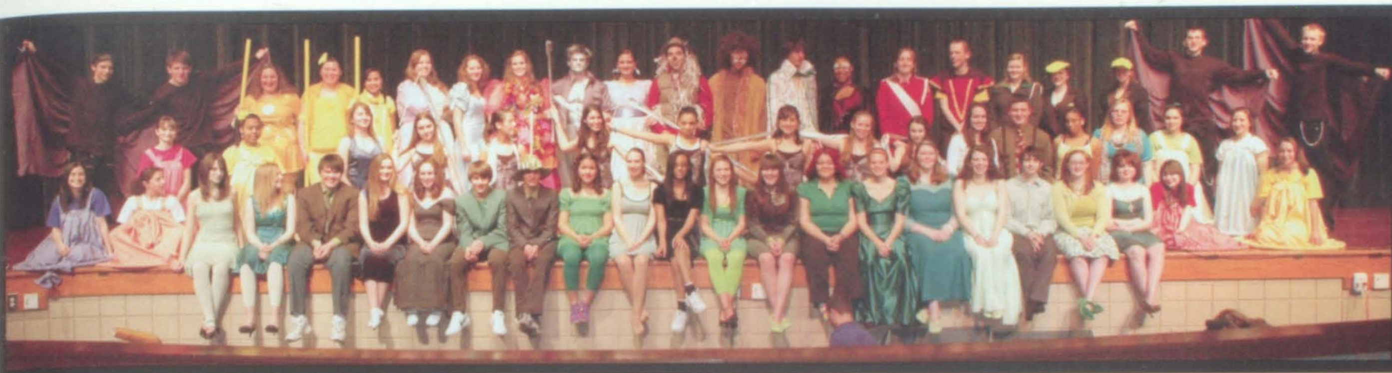
Row 1: Katia Lauricella, Nicole Savage, Chelsea Holz, Rachel Reid, Carolyn Entelisano, Carissa Thompson, Sara Bauer, Rachel Skavina, Bryan Feener, Brittany Smith **Row 2:** Kara Popovich, Dona Occhipinti, Pilar Padron, Kelly Miller, Amber Jones, Jake Quattrini, Shelli Jensen, Andrea Koenig, Clarissa Barrigar, Eileen Coffman **Row 3:** Mrs. Capponi, Kelly Benfey, RJ Hojnacki, Jonathan Sandberg, Olivia Dibella, Cameron Hall, Katie Mumpton, Erin Bojanek, Shelby Bird, Alyssandra Gill
Row 4: Peter Monahan, Colburn Sherwood, Jacob Forster, Dylan Famolaro, Erica Foley, Erica Stapleton, Hilary Baker, Hannah Charney, Taylor Rapke, Erica Macior

Row 1: Jessica Beckwith, Kaitlyn Smith, Melanie Entelisano, Randi Dashnaw, Whitney Brown, Jennifer Kean, Coral Carpenter, Ray Seymour, Molly Messenger, Mirra Campbell **Row 2:** Kayla Holmes, Emma Duchesneau, Stephanie Tardugno, Brandy Kotary, Mario Gomez, Emily Comito, Nick Brement, Cassie Seifert, Cassandra Peters, Joe Fitzgerald
Row 3: Kristin Metzger, Michelle Baker, Fallon Gannon, Samantha Gleba, Alicia Alarie, Melissa Ziankoski, Eleanor Holdridge, Randy Pawlikowski, Megan Montana **Row 4:** Erica Macior, Kevin Li, Kevin Burdick, David Gomez, Nikolas Gray, David Daniels, Enrique Christina, Peter Monahan, Lance Russ, David Lombardo, Brian Stauffer

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Honor Society is an organization where students are admitted in recognition to academic achievements. Honor Society is open to Juniors and Seniors. On November 20th, Juniors were inducted into Honor Society. To get into Honor Society you must have a cumulative average of 89.5 or higher your Freshman year unweighed. Honor Society also places emphasis on character, service, and leadership.

The Spring Musical: The Wiz



Back Row: Hunter Narolis, Connor Mcdonald, Mia Cignarale, Dana Aranas, Chloe Cardwell, Megan Montana, Brittany Bartlett, Taylor Harding, Jordon Hoffman, Pilar Padron, Jiar Linder, Trevor Cardwell, Nick Mellace, Jamilla Claypool, Shelby Bird, Ryan Schmandt, Karina Swanson, Stacy Spindler, Liz Silver, Aidan Slagle, Randy Pawlikowski **Middle Row:** Brittany Westcott, Ciara Wiggins, Kate Dibert, Rachel Skavina, Alicia Alarie, Natasha Schuyler, Stephanie Mata, Julie Owen, Kara Foote, Shannon Farrell, Rosario Camuglia, Sugundia Smith, Sara Burke, Challice Fuller, Angela Marcoccia, Jenna Grago **Front Row:** Mirra Campbell, Lindsay Pallay, Kristen Sharpe, Stephanie Dibert, Alex Martin, Julia Koger, Cara Forbes, Dan Goewey, Mark Aboumrad, Lauren Bendall, Amanda Ingalls, Whitney Brown, Carissa Thompson, Audrey Merck, Tiffany Smalls, Taylor Holst, Alyssandra Gill, Clarissa Barrigar, Josh Eichhorn, Amber Jones, Liz Lopez, and Jessica Augello

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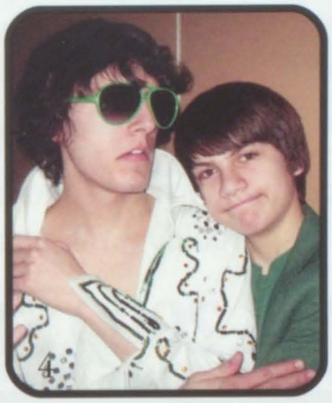
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1.Taylor Harding as the lovely Addaperle.
2.Megan Montana and Pilar Padron are aunt and niece as Aunt Em and Dorothy.
3.Eric Pacicca is Uncle Henry despite breaking his leg earlier in rehearsal.
4.Nick Mellace, The Wiz, and Dan Goewey, one of the munchkins, are ready to sing and dance.
5.Pilar holds the real life Toto.
6. The munchkins rehearse their song "He's the

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This year's spring musical was adapted from *The Wiz*. It is based on the original movie *The Wizard of Oz.*. This musical follows Dorothy as she travels through Oz to meet the Wiz. The talented cast includes Pilar Padron as Dorothy, Megan Montana as Aunt Em, Taylor Harding as Addeperle, Jair Linder as Scarecrow, Jordon Hoffman as Tin Man, Trevor Cardwell as Lion, Nick Mellace as The Wiz, Jamilla Claypool as Evillene, and Brittany Bartlett as Glinda. This year's performance included more choreography than ever with some numbers being completely dancers. The cast and crew were able to create an amazing performance in a two-month time frame. The show took place on April third and fourth.

STASS

Homecoming, Heat of Fusion, The Red Cross Blood Drive and many other activities are sponsored by STASS (Student Association). Meetings are at 7:15 am every Thursday. STASS is led by advisors Mr. Spindler and Mrs. Fanelli.

The 2009 STASS TRIP was to Virginia.

BSI

Attention Students! Thanks to our BSI Club, every morning and afternoon students get the update on what's going on at Rome Free Academy by our wonderful announcement crew. The advisor for BSI is Mrs. Arthur and her substitute Mr. Asher.

BSi!

Back L-R: Mr. Asher, Stacy Spindler, Deanna Dearo, Katie Cole, Gavin Maloney
Center L-R: Melanie Polivka, Stephanie Mata
Front L-R: Amber Jones, Larry Benjamin

Science Club

The Science Club raises awareness and understanding of our role as a "Servant of the Earth." They also help develop a socially responsible character. Every Thursday after school in room 1318, they meet to work with the Conservation Society/Earth Foundation to help protect the Rainforest in Brazil.

L-R: Mr. Maitland, Nyoka Hammond, Kaitlyn Smith, Kristen Sharpe, Ms. Pugliano, and Mrs. Calogero.

Recycling Club

Club advisor Mrs. Henry and students are eager to help RFA "Go Green." Every Friday after school. they go through the cafeteria looking for recycables that are just thrown away and wasted. Then they are shipped away to get recycled! Every bottle and can *can* make a difference.

L-R: Mrs. Henry, Kevin Chen, Deanna Dearo, Dona Occhipinti, and Corrie Aldrich

Art Club

Back L-R: Helen Waterman, Ashley Segarra, Lindsay Loson, Danielle DeSalvio, Erin Hall
Front L-R: Kara Foote, Emily Mucha

Students in art club get together to create art as well as help paint sets for the spring musical. In the past, art club has also painted windows at Rome Hospital. The club is advised by Mrs. Russell and it meets when announced.

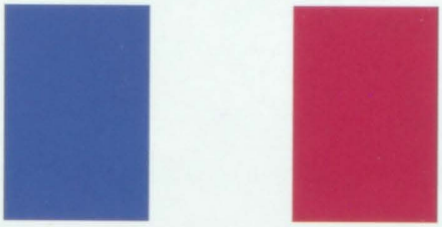
Galleries

Back L-R: Danielle Parry, Destiny Hernandez, Rebecca Petrie, Erin Hall, Megan Montana
Front L-R: Destiny Hernandez, Emily Mucha.
Missing From Photo: Helen Waterman, Ryan Schmandt, Joshua Eichhorn, Ashley Segarra.
Advisors: Mrs. Anderegg, Mr. McMahon

Galleries students collect students' poems and artwork then create an art and literary magazine to represent the creative students of RFA. The magazine is free to all who would like it.

French Club

Row 3 L to R: Katey Portner, Renee Kennedy, Justina Henderson,Mrs.Abouharia,Mrs.Olney, Jordan Hadsell, Kelsey Evans, Neil Janes.
Row 2 L to R: Monica Nouvong, Kaitlyn Fahey, Katie Cole, Kristen Metzger, Emma Duchesneau, Samantha Gleba, Brianna Janes.
Row 1 L to R: Alyssa Acomb, Stephanie Tardugno, Kayla Holmes, Taylor Harding



Bonjour! French Club meets once a month in room 1226. French Club prepares an annual French dinner to celebrate French culture and cuisine. The group also takes various trips. They are advised by Mrs. Olney and Mrs. Abouharia.

Row 1 L to R: Emily Peters, Brittany Westcott, Audrey Olney, Kathryne Davis, Karina Swanson, Erica Macior, Stephanie Dibert, Ashley Segarra
Row 2 L to R: Sam Murphy, Eric Pacicca, Kelsey Cataldo, Nicole Gamble, Hannah Johnson, Clarissa Barrigar, Kaylee Hrynuk, Ashley Edline, Rachel Hayes, Jack Chesebro
Row 3 L to R: Kara Popovich, Jenna Rolf, Josh Eichhorn, Kelly Benfey, Jessica Brickey, Brianna Pallas, Mike Tamburrino, Alex Martin, Greg Malowicki, Brittany Janes
Row 4 L to R: Erica Stapleton, Trica Metzger, Leigh Shoemaker, Amanda Ingham, Stacie Skidmore, Delaney Hughes, Joe Klockowski, Alyssandra Gill, Josh Pfeiffer, Zach Roullier

President:
Stephanie Tardugno
Vice President:
Taylor Harding
Secretary:
Kayla Holmes
Treasurer:
Alyssa Acomb

Spanish Club

Row 1 L-R: Emma Duchesneau, Rachel Reid, Haley Duran, Zachary Joyce
Row 2 L-R: Erin Thomas, Erica Stapleton, Megan Gressel, Andrea Koenig, Clarissa Barringar
Row 3 L-R: Mrs. Capponi, Kelsey Flint, Kirstin Richardson, Shelli Jensen, Taylor Rapke, Geoffrey Linderman, Hannah Charney, Samantha Alder, Andrea Childs
Row 4 L-R: Courtney Tasco, Alyssandra Gill, Antonio Valdes, Kevin Burdick, Lawrence Kalk, David Gomez

Cuando esta la fiesta?! In room 1233! Hola mis amigos! Club Advisor Mrs. Capponi and her Spanish Club participate in different activities like arts and crafts, decorating the room, and learning about Spanish culture- All while snacking on the goodies that Mrs. Capponi brings in Mondays after school.

To remember - Recordar
Memories - Memorias
To reminisce- Recuerdo
Past times- Pasa tiempos
Fun- Diversión

Italian Club

Good food, loud laughs, and awesome tunes are found in the Italian Club in room 1228! Ms. Grasso, advisor of the club, teaches her students outside the class about the different regions, the different dialects, and the Italian culture. More assumed as a party, students gather and really get a full Italian experience every other Thursday after school.

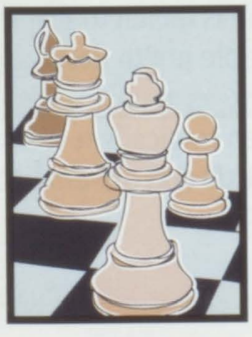
Nick Gray, Selina Gallagher, Sarah Lokker, Dylan Famolaro

Food- Cibi
Party- Festa
Fun- Divertente
Music- Musica

Chess Club

Check Mate, and Stale Mate are just a few of the common terms heard out of room 2239. Club Advisor, Mr. Houser, gets together with these great kids every Thursday to have an arousing game of Chess. For one hour kids get to learn how to use strategies around the game board and figure out which play will keep as many of their pieces on the board.

From L-R: Mr. Houser Advisor, Steven Internicola, Zed Seedat, Xavier Vanvalkenburgh, Tim Parker, Corey Carter, Sierra Henriquez, Amanda Hash, Eric Pacicca



Check Mate

Queen

Stale Mate

Peer Leaders

Back Row: Hannah Charney, Taylor Rapke, Andrea Koenig, Alyssandra Gill, Clarissa Barringer, Mariah Mandigo, Amber Jones, Billy Mucha, Kelly Miller, Laura Bochniak, Mrs. Cashion
Front Row: Audrey Duran, Brandy Kotary, Amanda Seaton, Kathrine Wallace Melanie Entelisano

Missing from photo: Eileen Coffman, Emma Duchesneau, Lisa House, Shelby Knapp, Emily Mucha, Christy Sirni

Peer Leaders is a club for people who want to make a difference in their community. They participate in helping the Humane Society by going there and helping take care of the animals. They also make the elderly, veterans and currently deployed soldiers cards for the holidays to let them know that we appreciate what they do for us. Peer Leaders meets once a month on Wednesdays.

SADD

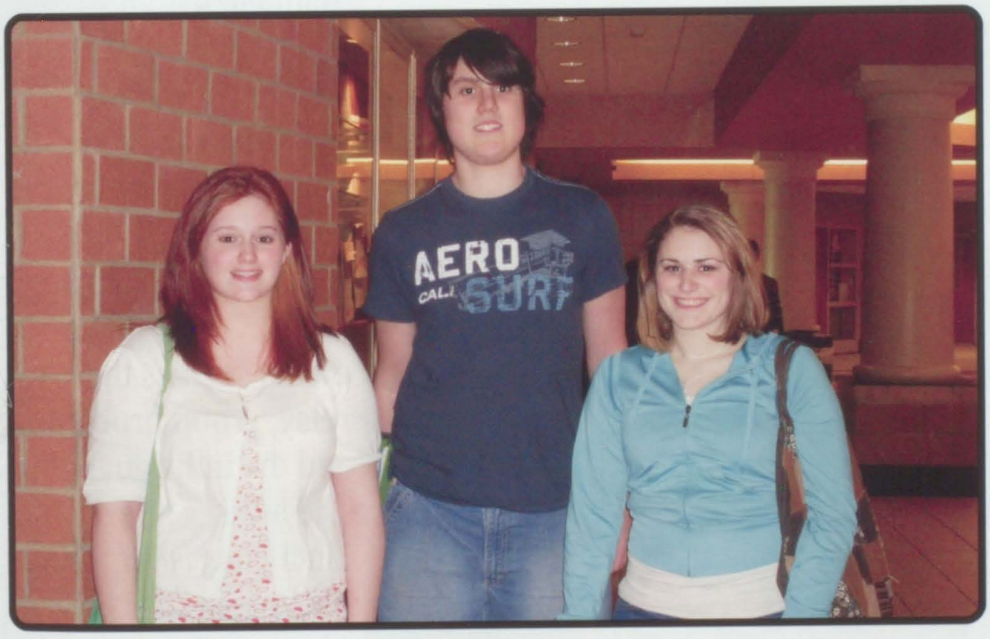
Back Row: Daniel Gadwaw, Mike Holtzburger, Collin LaRoche, Alani Story, Joseph Frank, Chris Frank, Tomas Torres.
Front Row: Jessica Kraeger, Kaylee Jaynes, Cayla Askew, Alexis Wade

Students Against Destructive Decisions is a club where students try and put the word out about drunk driving. and promote awareness about what drunk driving can do to a person. SADD Club holds a Safety Bug activity every year. The Safety Bug allows students to feel the effects of drunk driving. This club is meant to inspire people not to drink and drive as many lives have been tragically lost from intoxicated drivers.

Front Row: Ms. Race, David Lombardo, Shannon Farrell, Ashley Pacicca, Dominick Crumb, Andrew Michik, Vincent Dubay, Timothy Wood.
Back Row: Brian Stauffer, Kathryn Dibert, Brandon Liddy, Christina Sharp, Phillip Cox, Corrie Aldrich, Pedro Christina.

Key Club is an organization dedicated to lending the community a helping hand in the form of projects and working with the people of Rome. Key club has participated in projects and events such as the Crop Walk, canned food drives and fundraisers.

District Secretary- Vincent Dubay
President- Brandon Liddy
Vice President- Phillip Cox
Secretary- Taylor Harding
Treasurer- Enrique Christina
Editor- Eleanor Holdridge
Webmaster- Dominick Crumb
Advisor- Ms. Race



From left to right: Amber Jones, Kevin Burdick, Stacy Spindler

Yes!

The Yes Club is advised by Mrs. Capponi and meets on Mondays after school. The members are involved in making the school a better place to be. They also get involved in other schools and discuss how to make them a great place to learn and make them safer. They participate in community service around school and organize school awareness days like Kick Butts Day.

Engineering Club

The Engineering Club is a place where technology lovers can meet after school to build and learn about electronics. Some of their activities include building robots and entering their creations into competitions. Their meetings are normally on Thursdays.

President-
Colburn Sherwood
Vice President-
Marianna Haugen
Treasurer-
Amanda Mortise

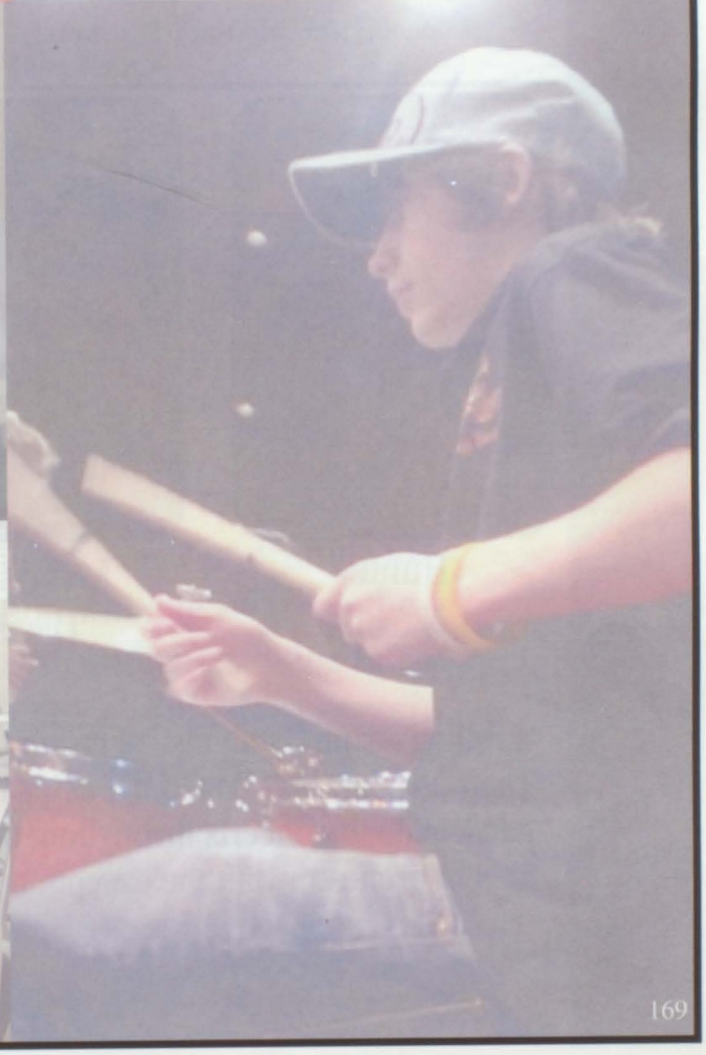
Front Row: Vito Doria, Melissa Schisler, Ryan Mortise, Adam Cameron
Back Row: Eleanor Holdridge, Colburn Sherwood, Amanda Mortise, Corey Latendress, Mr. Holdridge

Mathletics

Group 1: Kevin Li, Kevin Chen, Dona Occhipinti, & Tyler Feldman.
Group 2: Nick Brement, Amit Goel, Alyssa Acomb, Melissa Ziankoski, & Audrey Merck.

Mathletics is an academic team that challenges their opponents in their math skills. Mathletics competes at other schools as well as here at RFA. There are events such as the relay, group problems, and the individual test. The adviser of Mathletics is Mr. Backman. They meet when announced and their competitions are usually on Saturdays.

Photos courtesy of Mr. Backman

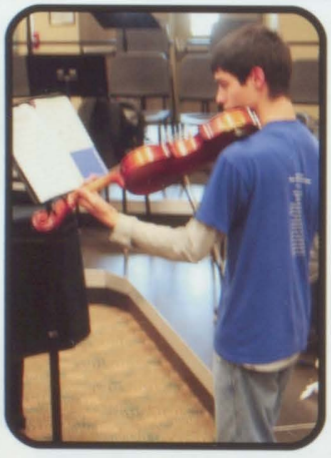


Black History Club

Back Row: Mike Holzberger,Taylor Weather, Joseph Frank, Collin Laroche, Devante McNair
Middle Row: Alani Story, Nakasha Richardson, Alexis Wade, Kayla Askew, Tevin Hill, Ariel Hernandez, Heather Fish, Marquise Ellis, Robin Raiford
Front Row: Kaylee Jaynes, Mirrissa Johnson, Alyssa Mclean, Rachel Saunders, Michele Wardlaw, Asiana Smith, Sugnudia Smith, Randi Dashnaw

Black History Club has been at RFA for many decades and hopefully for many more decades to come. The Black History Club helps RFA students learn about the past and present of black history. Black History Club is advised by Mr. Fister and Mr. Richardson.

Strolling Strings



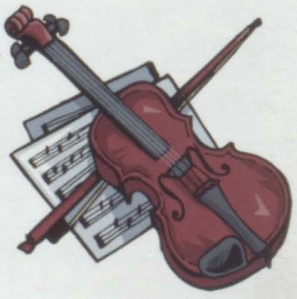
Hunter Narolis

Kathryne Davis

Jillian Gardner

Hannah Johnson and David Lombardo

Strolling Strings is a musical group that meets after school on Mondays. Their advisor, Mrs. Madonia, helps the students practice to later participate in concerts throughout the year. These talented students are also in orchestra with the exception of the talented pianist, Jillian.



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Front Row : A. Seifert, N. Bohning, S. Knarr, P. Dooley
Middle : S. Skidmore, J. Fitzgerald, S. Jadoo, A. Armstrong, N. Keifer
Back Row: A. Deblasiis, D. Geary, A. Spencer

Top Right:
Front Row : C. Parker, M. Hesse, A. McGill, K.Elia
Middle : S.Beale, C.Gentile, M. Costello, J. Hernandez, M. Endres, G. White
Back Row: B. Iacovissi, N. Fox, D. Jaegers, K. Jones, S. Wilkes, Z. White, S. Carmen

Left:
Front Row : R. Gotti, Z. Ciocotti, A. D'Amore, T. Brockway,V. Castro
Middle : S. Dickson, M. Harvey, C. Zonnevylle, M. Tigges, R. Deshaw, C. Smith, S. Shaver, A. Olney
Back Row: M. Holzburger, D. Frank, K. Giczkowshi, D. Marshall, B. Fox, S. Pawlioski, M. Gilbert

What is the Knight Spot you ask? The Knight Spot is Rome Free Academy's School store, run by Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Zeller. The Knight Spot is a great way to jumpstart your knowledge of owning a business. The Knight Spot not only raises money for RFA but raises money for ***Making Strides Against Breast Cancer***. The Knight Spot is many students favorite part of lunch. After you finish eating lunch and you want to wash it down with a tasty Slushie, the Knight Spot is the place to go.

Speech and Debate is a club that offers students the opportunity to practice and refine the skills of communication while developing the self-confidence needed to speak in front of an audience. Skills in research, logic, organization, and writing will be developed. In speech and debate arguments are put forward and followed by votes.

No photo provided by advisor Mr.Lacey.

Ski Club

Back Row L-R: Adviser Mr. Tuggey, Garrett Janes, Lucas Parzych, Jacob Loson, John Cassese, Austin Kahler, Nick Cignarale, Brandon Iacovissi, Dustin Swiss, David Emmerick.
Second Row L-R: Sara Beale, Danielle DeSalvio, Deanna Dearo, Jessica Lomazzo, Jessica Luczak, Dallas Kozak, Dylan Famolaro, Mr. Bartlett.
Third Row L-R: Alex Targos, Derek Triffetti, Felicity Gonzalez, Zach Martinelli, Mark Aboumrad.
Down In Front: Henry Gates and Nicole Bialobreski.
Missing from Photo: Mr. Mike Agen

"The winter months can be so dull, but with the help of Advisor Mr. Tuggey, Ski Club members were able to spice up their snow season! Every Wednesday during the months of January through March, weather permitting, students would board the coach bus to Toggenburg Mountain! The fun filled slopes are located in Fabius, NY about an hour away from RFA. "Togg" (as the ski club students call it) had over twenty-three trails, two lifts and rope tows. It was safe to say, Toggenburg had something to offer everyone. Ski club students ate at Togg's cool cafe or at the Foggy Goggle Restaurant, choosing from a wide variety of foods. By the end of the season everyone was saying more "Togg Please!"

Bible club

Bible club members: Alyssa Acomb, David Daniels, Frank Fanchor, Sean Mezza, Zach Oppito, Brittany Westcott, Joe Pasquelletti, Lance Russ, Renee Kennedy, Monica Nouvong, Taylor Harding, David Gomez, Mario Gomez II

Unfortunately No photo was available at press time.

Bible club meets every other Tuesday and Thursday. They are advised by Mrs. Mastrangelo and Mrs. Saunders. While in Bible Club students learn about the Bible and scriptures. Bible Club is open to all students and welcomes all that would like to join.

Jazz Band

Jazz Band, directed by Mr. Meiss, had a very successful year. The club went on a tour that the Jazz Band refers to as the "Tour of Meiss n' Men" to five different elementary schools during regents week. They also performed at the Pops Concert, the All-City Concert, Oneida Jazzfest, the Spring Concert, at the band competition field trip, and the Jazz Concert.
With the expansion from 6 people last year to a grand total of 22 people this year, Jazz Band meets Thursdays after school at 2:30-4:00. Occasionally, they met on Tuesdays to prepare for concerts and other shows. Jazz Band would like to congratulate their 6 seniors leaving - you will be missed!

Front Row L-R: Stephanie Mata, Katie Cole, Amit Goel, Andrew Michik, Shelby Bird, Mia Cignarelle, Eric Townsend.
Middle Row L-R: Jillian Gardner, Billy Mucha, Will Monahan, Alex Felice, Josh Morgan, Kevin Li, Christian Victorio.
Back Row L-R: Joe Klockowski, Tommy Flemming, Kagen Dewey, Paul Hunt, Nick Dixon, Brain Stauffer, Nick Brement, Jack Chesebro.

Jazz Vocal

Jazz Vocal is advised Mrs. Edwards. The club meets when announced and participate in concerts and competitions.

Front Row: Taylor Harding, Amber Jones, Stacey Spindler
Second Row: Alex Newby, Jair Linder, Zach Wade, Antonio Valdes
Missing: Jordan Hoffman, Alicia Alarie, Jamilla Claypool, Pilar Padron, Josh Eichhorn

Select Choir

Front Row: Liz Silver, Pilar Padron, Taylor Harding, Sam Gleba, Stacy Spindler, Jillian Gardner. **Second Row:** Jair Linder, Zach Wade, Jordon Hoffman, Alex Newby, Antonio Valdes, Josh Eichhorn, and Mrs.Edwards.

Select Choir is made up of 16 students from grades 10-12 here in RFA. Select is directed by our very own Mrs. Edwards. Mrs. Edwards and her students participate in many concerts throughout the year. Some including RFA's Winter Concert, Pops Concert, Spring Concert, and this year her students sang in The Beatles Concert on May 1st. Mrs. Edwards and her students work hard all year to bring us the best they have!

9th Grade Choir

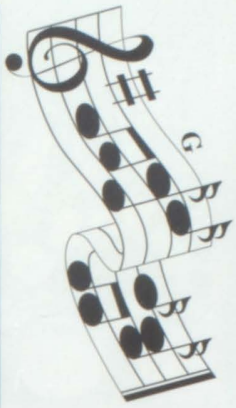
Front row: Sterling Simon, Rebecca Schultz, Kattura Garner, Rica Steinberg, Liz Sylvester, Sarah Mattacchione, Stephanie Dibert, Liz Pullara, Amber Johnson, Briana Todd. **Second Row:** Katrina Brodock, Kristy Jones, Cara Forbes, Jenna LaRoy, Israel Rivera, Ashleigh Phillips, Alaina Guerrieri, Tyler Christman, Dan Goewey, Liz Gleasman, Chloe Cardwell, Christina Hernandez, Ashlee Manna. **Third Row:** Richelle Reynolds, Krystyna Last, Jessica Brickey, Desiree Dana, Destiny Wishart, Brandon Fuller, Adam Wilkinson, Ashley Centore, Amber Perez, Des'Jenee Soyer, Alex Martin.

This year's 9th grade choir is made up of 35 hard working students. Mrs. Edwards, their director, and the students work hard everyday to choose the songs and perfect them for RFA's concerts.
Mrs. Edwards has been teaching music for 30 years.....not very long. The students sing in our very own Winter Concert, Pops Concert, and Spring concert. Her students enjoy showing up to class with smiling faces ready to work hard.

Concert Choir

Front Row: Kim Volpe,Krista Wolfe,Jessica Harvey,Amanda Seaton, Ryan Schmandt, Alex Newby, Alicia Alarie, Patrick Howard, Ashley Segarra, Tesla Holeck. **Second Row:** Lisa Barker, Brittany Bartlett, Jenna Grago, Kelsey Cataldo, Pilar Padron, Melanie Polivka, Kelsey Come, Crystal Schwendeman, Selina Gallagher, Cheryl Potter, Julie Owen, Trevor Cardwell, Challice Fuller, Mirra Campbell, Ciara Wiggins, Brittany Eleuteri. **Third Row:** Amber Schillaci, Jenna French, Alicia Goodmore, Sarah Burke, Kendra Kulesa, Kim Hopper, Ms. Rushford, Vincent Ellis, Vincent Coccia, Whitney Grogan, Tiffany Smalls, Jenny Todora, Megan Montana, Elise Geary, Sam Boisen

Front Row: Porshia Anderson, Tiffany Santmyer. **Second Row:** Helen Waterman, Carol Finkle, Eric Pacicca, Liz Silver, Daniel Gadwaw, Kim Perez, Amanda Brodock , Ms.Rushford, Emily Comito. **Third Row:** Jessica Wilson, Ashley Puchyr, Lindsey Striker, Kristen Brown, Joe Grago, Mary Bauer, Josh Eichhorn, Kathryn Dibert, Jamilla Claypool, Tiffany Rotach, Zach Wade, Stacy Spindler, Jair Linder Taylor Holst. **Fourth Row:** Stephanie Lamay, Ariel Schwendeman, Julie Wilson, Jennifer Ryan, Lindsay Pallay, Michelle Eakin, Taylor Harding, Kaitlin Fahey, Jerralee Marshal, Jordon Hoffman, Julie Owen, Rachel Skavina, Antonio Valdes, Nick Mellace, Amber Schwenning, Erin Hall, Jessica Carman



Concert Choir is made up of 95 students from grades 10-12 who work hard each and everyday. The director Mrs.Rushford has been teaching music for 18 years and enjoys coming to school with a smile on her face to teach these students. Concert Choir participates in RFA's very own Winter Concert, Pops Concert, and Spring Concert. Even though some days the pressure is on, they work hard to sound their best to give us a great performance at concerts.

Marching Band

Corey Hanson, Mia Cignarale, Mark Rienzo, Kathleen Cole, Derek Treonze, Taylor Rapke, Tanner Harding, Halie Schoff, Brianna Santmyer, Kayla Husband, Emily Closinski, Mark Tardugno, Nick Brement, Nick Dixon, Brian Stauffer, Jordan Mittower, Kara Popovich, Carol Finkle, Brittany Madonia, Kayla Bledsoe, Monica Nouvong, Shannon Farrell, Jillian Gardner, Alex Towne, Jen Lyman, Danielle Darois, Briana Dehart, Mike Pikarski, Jack Rotolo, Chris Culla, Laura Fontana, Brittany Boisen, Lindsey Gates, Ciara Wiggins, Kevin Li, Christian Victorio, Josh Morgan, Pilar Padron, Randy Linderman, Eric Townsend, Andrew Michick, Tom Gymburch, Britleigh Hawkins, Amit Goel, Sara Bauer, Angela Marcoccia, Caitlyn Gallagher, Christina Sharp, Ashley Pacicca, Katie Mott, Erin Bojanek, Stephanie Mata, Alex Newby, Tim Ramos, Matt Salisbury, Tim Parker, Victor Ayala, David Glantz, Courtney Tasco, Nicole Gamble, Allison Race, John Cassese, Will Monahan, Travis Holmes, Lance Russ, David Waite, Derek Sexton, Drew Hinman, Tom Fleming, Mike Tamburrino, Jack Chesebro.

Marching Band practicing for the big home-coming night!

Wind Ensemble

Row Four: David Waite, Nicole Gamble, Allison Race, Lance Russ, Will Monahan, Travis Holmes, Mr. Meiss
Row Three: Brian Stauffer, Nick Dixon, Jordan Mittower, Jack Cheseboro, Matt Salisbury, Pilar Padron, Kevin Li, Christian Victorio, Eric Townsend
Row Two: Carol Finkle, Chelsea Land, Kayla Bledsoe, Monica Nouvong, Shannon Farrell, Shelby Bird, Mia Cignarale, Britleigh Hawkins, Tom Gymburch, Amit Goel, Andrew Michik
Row One: Kara Popovich, Jillian Gardner, Kate Mott, Stephanie Mata, Angela Marcoccia, Sara Bauer, Erin Bojanek

Concert Band

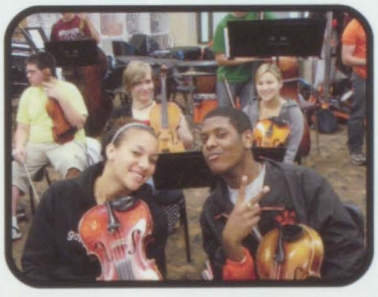
First Row: Brianna Santmyer, Kayla Husband, Tanner Harding, Halie Schoff, Caitlyn Gallager, Emily Closinski, & Christina Sharp.
Second Row: Jennifer Lyman, Danielle Darois, Lindsey Gates, Brittany Boisen, Brianna Dehart, Alex Towne, Taylor Rapke, Mark Rienzo, & Katie Cole.
Third Row: Mike Pekarski, Jack Rotolo, Nick Brement, Mark Tardugno, Josh Morgan, Alex Newby, Tim Ramos, Alex Felice, Randy Linderman, & Corey Hanson.
Standing: Tommy Flemming, Courtney Tasco, John Cassese, Victor Ayala, Drew Hinman, Kobie Reed, Mike Tamburrino, Tim Parker, & Derek Sexton.
Missing: Ashley Pacicca & Laura Fontana.

The Concert Band, directed by Mr. Meiss, practices everyday fourth period and perform at four concerts. They perform in the Winter Concert, the Pops Concert, the All-City Concert and the Spring Concert.

BackRow-Clarissa Barrigar, Brianna King,
Middle Row-EmilyDutt,Shelby Come, Laura Bockniak
First Row- Blank,Marissa Gill Jenna Arnold, Kaylee Hrynuk

Back Row- Tiffany Rotach,Shelli Jensen,Joseph Blanchard,Justina Henderson
Middle Row-Aiden Slage, Rachel Skavina,Emma Duchesneau, Morgan Smith
Front Row-Dona Occhipinti,Kelly Benfey, Kristen Sharpe, Renee Kennedy

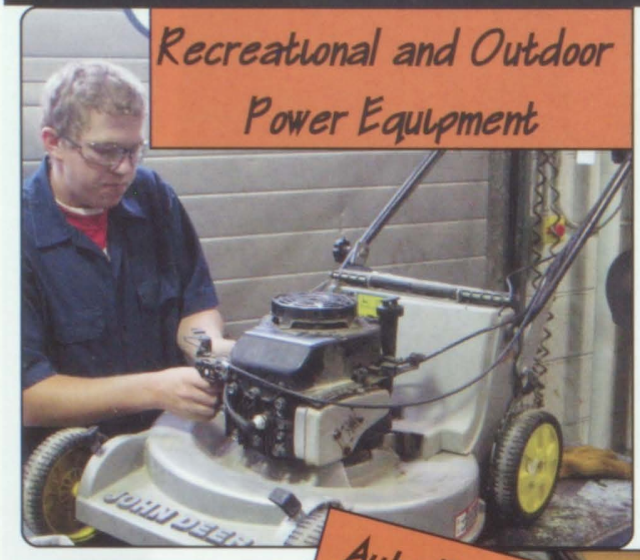
BackRow-Natasha Schuyler,Brittany Smith, Blank, Brandon White & Paul Hunt
Front row-Frank Ruscito,Hannah Johnson & David Lombardo



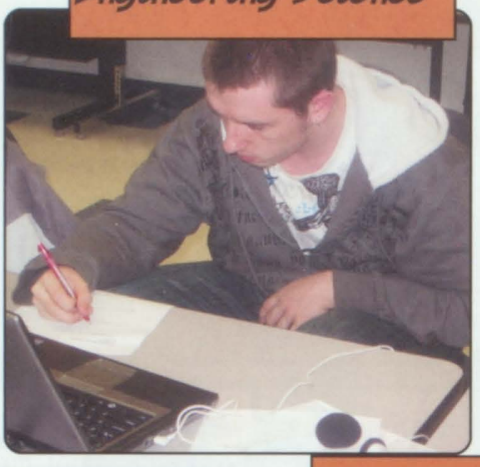
First Box-Jackie Thompson,Teren Solomon, Michelle Baker,Rachel Feldman,Rachel Hayes, Kathryne Davis, Blank, Joey Katchmar, Kaitlyn Dupont
Second Box-Madalana Pegues, Joseph Frank, Mahogany Ten Eyck & Jessica Luczak,
Third Box-Audrey Olney,Amanda Demitro,Kyle Harmon,Mark Melioris,
Fourth Box-Acadia Chester, Randi Dashnaw, Whitney Borwn, Angela McLean
Fifth Box-Tyler Larkin, Kagen Dewey, Paul Maitland & Christopher Daneillo

Madison-Oneida

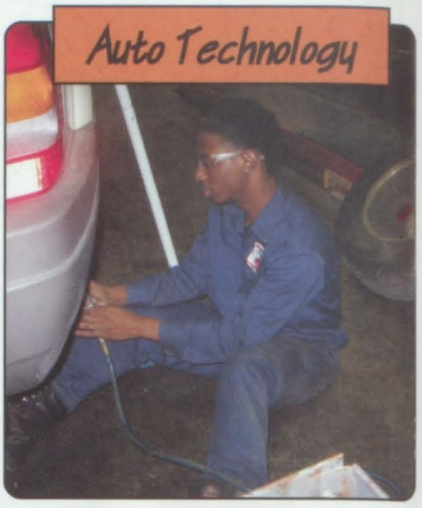
Recreational and Outdoor Power Equipment



Engineering Science



Auto Technology



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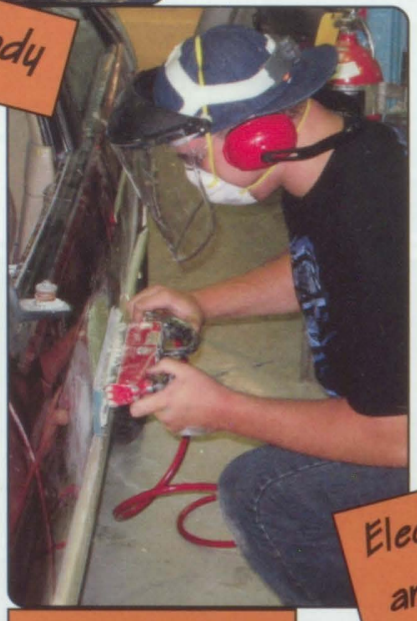


Licensed Practical Nursing

Electricity and HVAC

Carpentry

Cosmetology

Career Exploration

Broadcast Technology

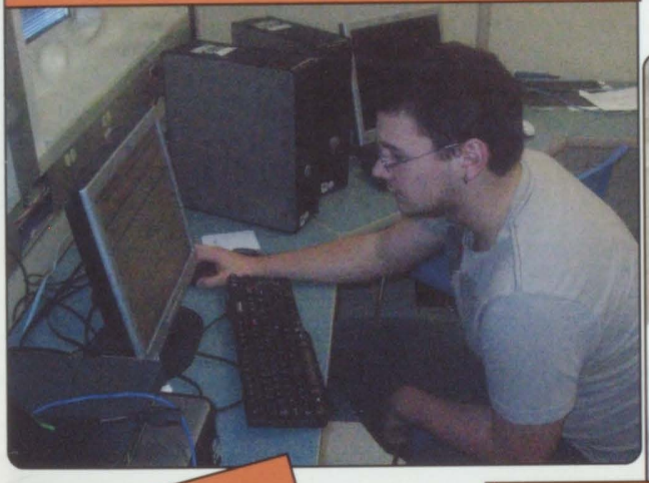
BOCES

BOCES offers numerous vocational programs. They have classes from Computer Programming to Criminal Justice and everything in between. Each program was designed to help kids attending see how it is to go into the field of work that their class offers. The classes also prepare students for college.

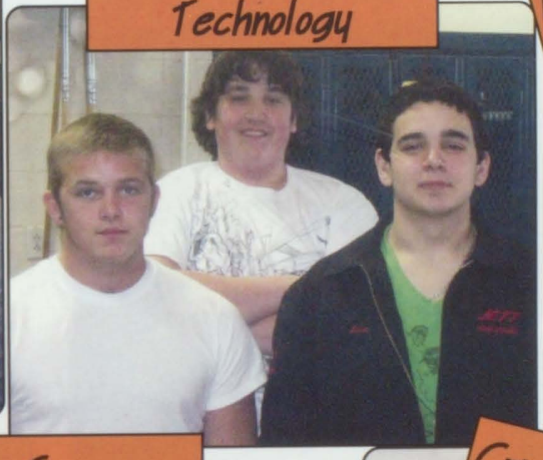
Graphic Design

Computer Programming

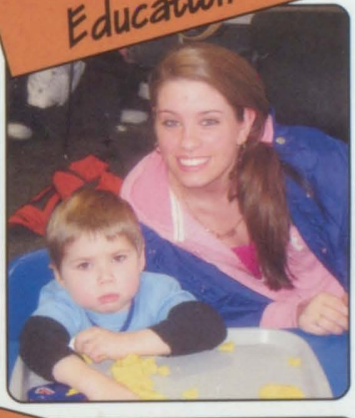
Information Technology Systems



Heavy Equipment Technology



Early Chuldhood Education



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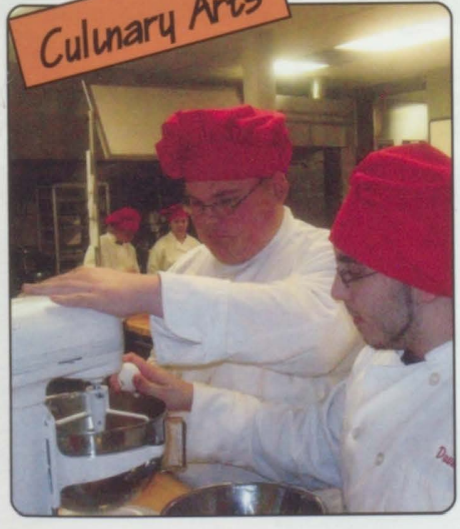

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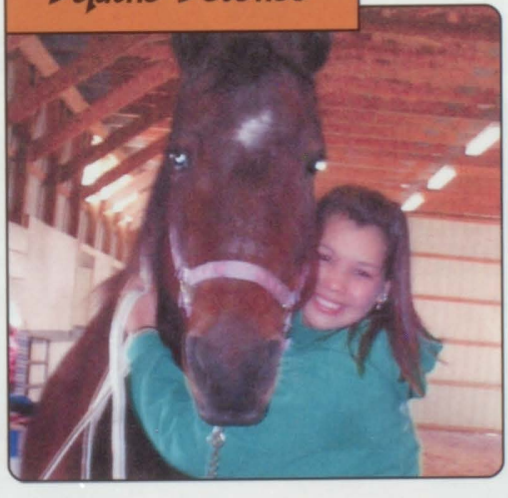

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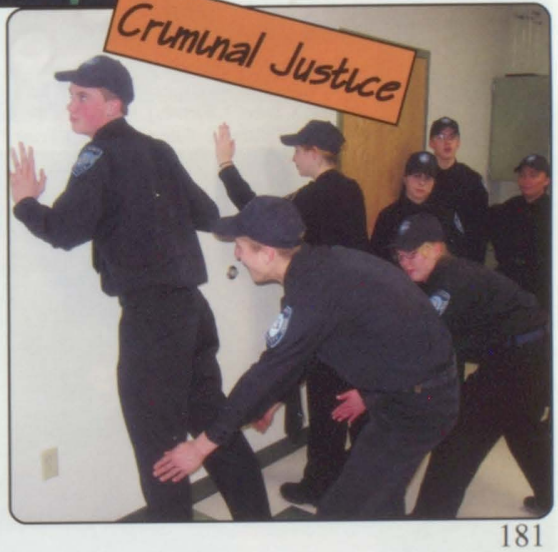

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3rd row: J. Rogers, S. Smith, D. Drake, M.Thibault
4th row: C.Toepp, T. Smith, A. Lints, B. Beatty, J. Palmer

Front: J. Randall
2nd row: A. Wilkinson, K. Robbins
3rd row: D. McNair, M. Campos J. Linder

Front: J.Murray, A. Wells, R. Dashnaw, D. Manuele
2nd row: M. Armstrong, C. Askew, C. Land, L. Fontana, D. Fuller
3rd row: N. Sweet, J. Forster, J. Pilgreen, M. Pegues, R.Camuglia, S. Chester
4th row; N.Williams, C. Waters, A. Slage, J. Frank,T. Smith, S. Bird, A. Finneman

Front: L. Barker, K. Brown
2nd row: L. Burns, D. Ferguson, A. Baker, J. Spencer
3rd row: J. Fuller, J. Piersall, R. Kohlbrenner, J. Hughes, A. Towne

Front: R. Pitkin, S. Mata, K. Smith, R. Pitkin, J. Gambrel
2nd row: A. Cummings, N. Clifford, S. Stosal, J. Johnson, D. Wright, P. Howard
3rd row: A. DeBlasiis , M. Harvey, S. Nobis, J. Crippen, M. Gill, F. Ruscito, R. House

Front: M. Smith
2nd: A. Armstrong, Bille-Jean Ng
3rd row: R. Vaughn, S. Dashnaw, A. Varano
4th row: B.Edwards, T. Torres, B. Goodwin, M. Lathan, A.Eadline
5th row: C.Cathey, C. LaRoche, S. Brokins, W.Miller, C. Matt

Cadet Group Commanders:
Summer 08- Justin Piersall
Fall 08- Chris Toepp
Spring 09- Julianne Spencer

Front: F. Gonzalez, C. Ayers
2nd row: S. Grimes, D. Butler, S. Flick
3rd row: L. Benjamin, L. Brognano, A. Smith, M. Kosowski
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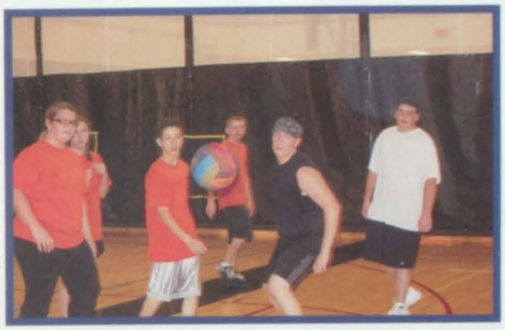
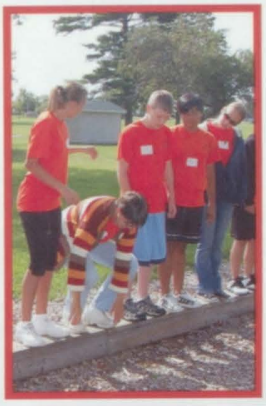
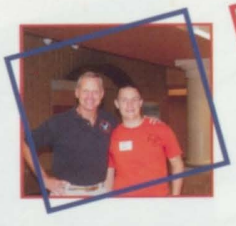




Units only follow leaders who demostrate honor and a willingness to sacrifice for others.

Integrity
Service
EXCELLENCE



Ashley and Rob salute each other during the Ribbon and Rank Ceremony.

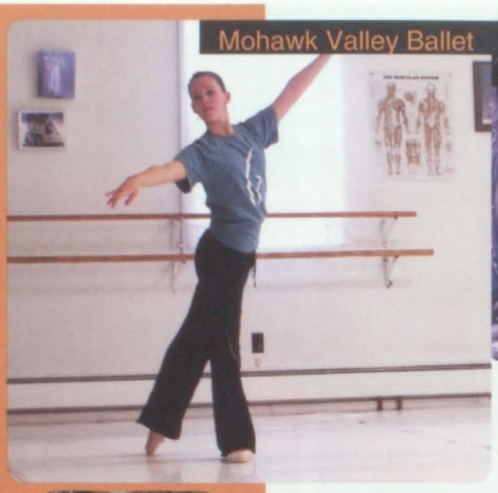
Change of Command. Chris and Julie cut the cake following the ceremony.

Mama Pray tells Donovan and the rest of her ROTC 4 class that **"If you don't want this souvenir, then stay out of the gift shop."**

Dan and Simon battle it out during a fun night to pop each other's balloons.

Jake Forster is about to eat snow as he is pushed off the snow bank during a King of the Hill battle. Jake, hope it tasted good.

RFA Dancers

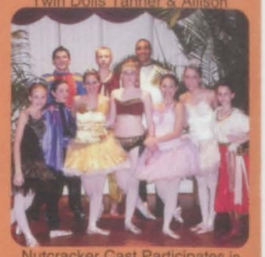


Fallon G. Leaps In A Jeté!

Twin Dolls Tanner & Allison

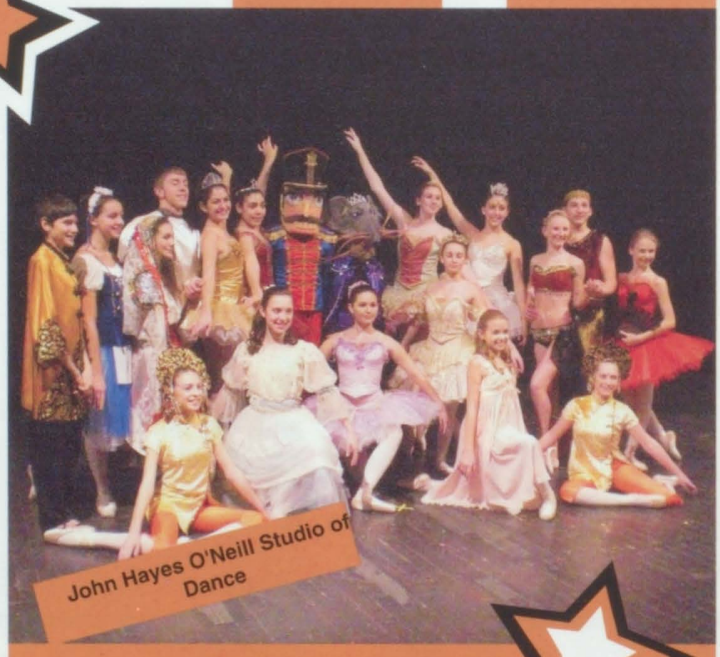
CVS Dancers Rachel S. and Danielle D.

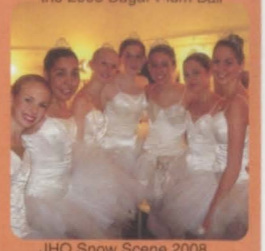
Always a laugh with Marialana Amuso!



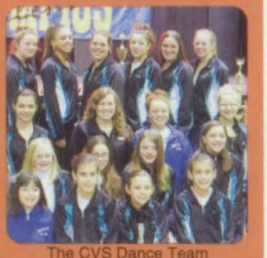
Nutcracker Cast Participates in the 2008 Sugar Plum Ball

JHO Lead Kara Foote

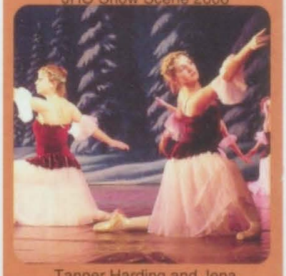




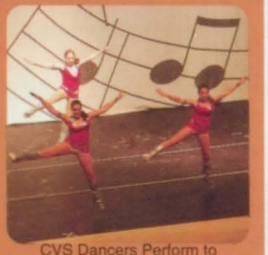
JHO Snow Scene 2008



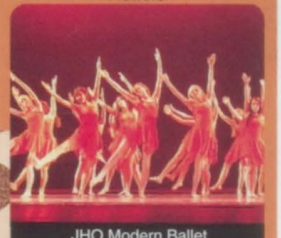
The CVS Dance Team



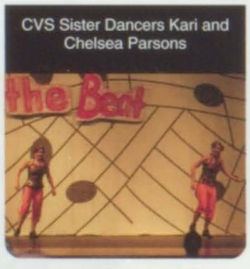
Tanner Harding and Jena Mattie in "Waltz of The Flowers"

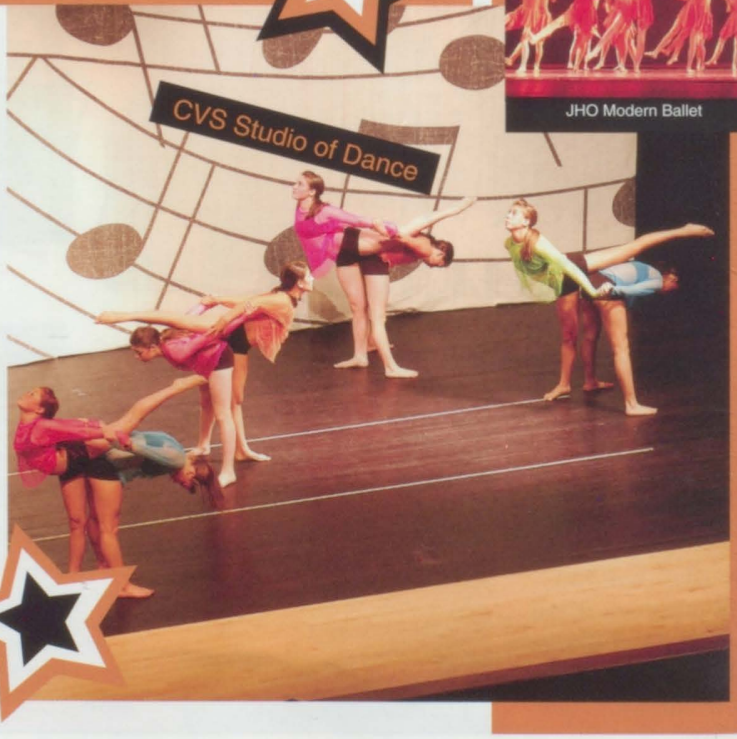


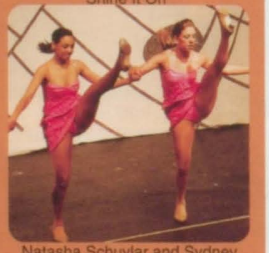
CVS Dancers Perform to "Shine It On"



JHO Modern Ballet

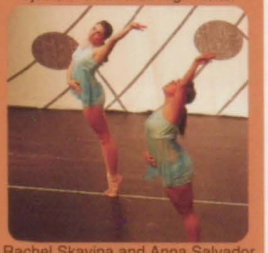






Natasha Schuylar and Sydney Sjoblom show their high kicks!

Alex S. CVS Soloist



Rachel Skavina and Anna Salvador perform in a piece called "Air"

Knight Times 1st Period Staff

First Row: Nicole Keiffer, Aimee Anno, Emily Dutt, Kayla Holmes, Deanna Dearo, Stephanie Tardugno
Second Row: Kathryne Davis, Stephanie Piatkowski, Erica Stapleton, Geoffrey Linderman
Third Row: Nicholas Mellace, Jacob Crofoot, Ryan Cooke

The History of Our Paper

Editor in Chief
Senior Kayla Holmes

The school newspaper has been an RFA tradition for more than 70 years. Originally called The Parrot in the late 1930s, it later became The Echo, under the guidance of former teachers Lincoln Kan and Marylin Dykens. In the 1990's, the newspaper was renamed The Knight Times and has been that ever since. The Knight Times continues to win Gold Awards at High School Press Day and from the Empire State School Press Association. Published and distributed by the Daily Sentinel, The Knight Times reaches thousands of homes in the community. In addition to the newspaper, the KT staff is responsible for daily updates on the rfakt.com web site and for tv newscasts co-produced with the BOCES broadcast technology students on closed-circuit channel 62.

3rd period Journalism

First Row: Kelsey Cacciatori, Alexandra Furney, Mrs. Waters, Sugundia Smith, Mia Rondinelli
Second Row: Jamilla Claypool, Karina Swanson, Natasha Schuyler, Rafhana Pitkin, Tanner Harding, Alana Quance
Third Row: Nichole Wiltsie, Adam Raphial, Vincent Dubay, Derek Puma, Ashleigh Nelson

8th period Journalism

First Row: Ashley Millner, Sierra Ernenwein, Leigh Nicholas
Second Row: Kait Stubba, Brittany Roy-Beckwith, Chloe Cardwell, Sage McZeal, Demi Grant
Third Row: Josh Maiolo, Anthony DeJean, Josh Royce, Michael Tamburrino Missing from photo: David Emmerick

De-O

Editor In Chief

Cassie Seifert

Business Editor

Taurean Lindsey

Sports Editor

Christy Sirni

Photo Editor

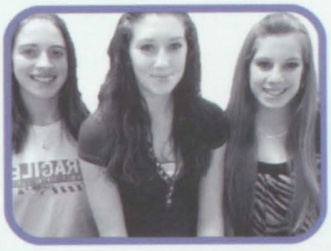
Jessica Razy

The De-O-Wain-Sta has been around for over 100 years. Students from every class join yearbook to put in their ideas about themes, and designs. Yearbook is chock full of things to do. There are photographers always taking pictures for sports, clubs, or candids. Students create pages, finish up deadlines, and make last minute changes to ensure this book is as memorable to RFA students as it is to the staff. Every year the De-O-Wain-Sta enters the previous year's book into a statewide competition that meets at Syracuse University. The 2008 edition of the De-O-Wain-Sta received many awards at ESSPA including: Honorable Mention in the category of Theme Presentation, and received a Silver Yearbook rating for achievement.

Wain-Sta

Senior Class Editor

Tess Niznik



Underclassmen Editors

Lisa House, Shelby Knapp, Katie Cole

Clubs Editors

Deanna Dearo

Assistant Editors

Megan Tigges
Ashley Baker

award winning staff!

8th period

Back Row L-R: Shayla Robinson, Megan Tigges, Ashley Baker, Rachel DeShaw
Middle Row L-R: Jessica Razy, Taurean Lindsey, Ariana Moran, Katie Cole, Tess Niznik, Tegan Griffiths
Front Row L-R: Sam Boisen, Allyssa Turck, Cassie Seifert, Dana LaBouef, Gabrielle Loreto

9th period

Back Row L-R: Stacey Greenwood, Sara Knarr, Sam Gotti, Otis James
Middle Row L-R: Tia Aldrich, Shelby Knapp, Lisa House, Taylor Moore
Front Row L-R: Christy Sirni, Deanna Dearo, Sarah Lokker

BUSINESS

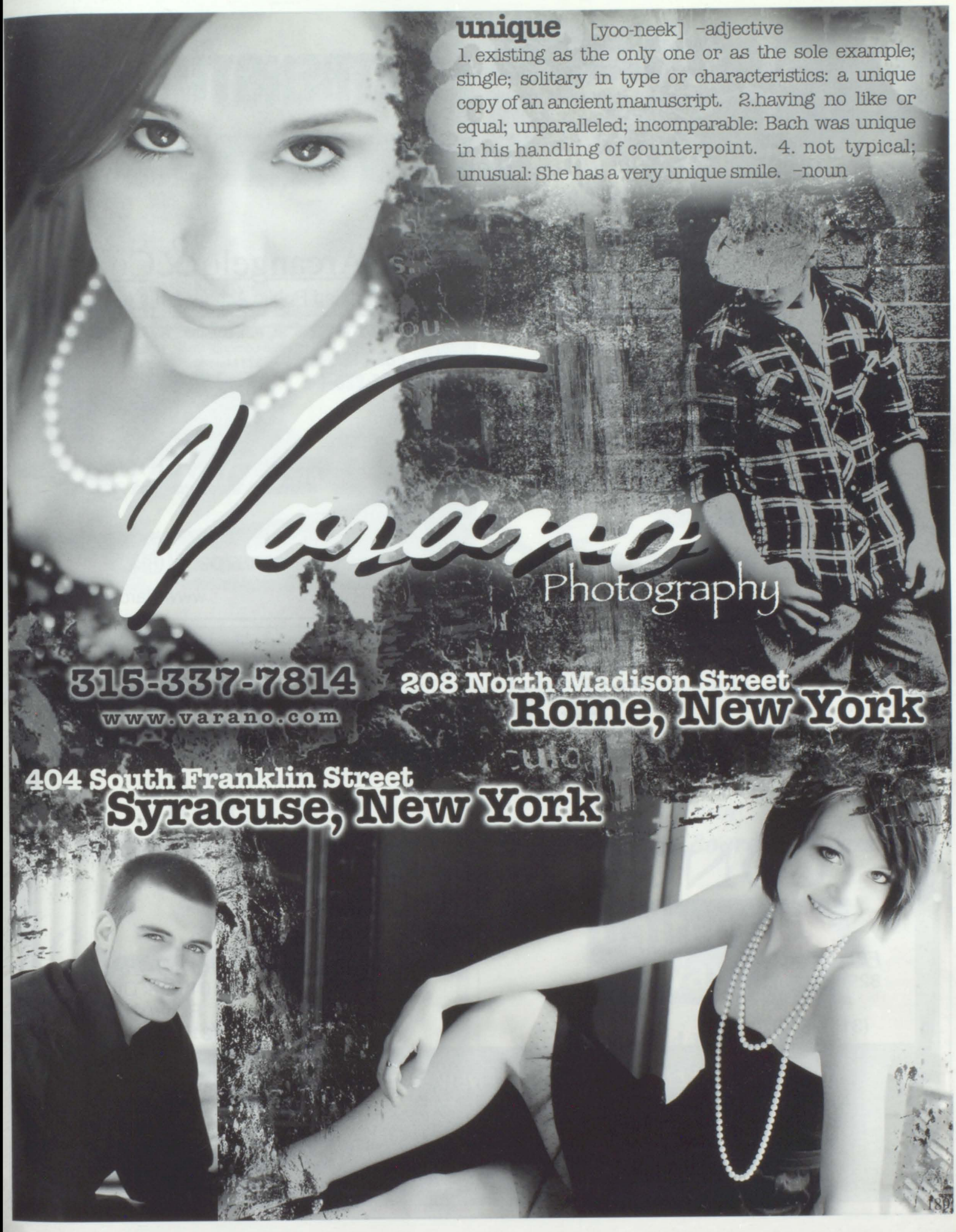
This is my first year as business editor, taking on the challenges head first. This year I wanted to improve this section, which I think is the task of every editor. This is something that definitely takes time and dedication.

The business ads are the biggest source of funding for the yearbook. The yearbook staff has worked as hard as they could going to businesses, making phone calls and even sending out business letters. Making sure we had a lot of business ads was a major stress factor through out the year. I guess the stress on our staff made us work harder because we got the job done and I want to acknowledge the yearbook staff. Your hard work and determination to get a lot of ads paid off.

I want to thank our Editor -N- Chief, Cassie (My partner in crime) we have the same amount of yearbook experience and the fact that we are both editors for the first time is a major responsibility and she definitely keeps us on task. This year is only the beginning; we hope to increase our ads every year. A BIG thanks to our yearbook staff. Keep up the good work!!!

Taurean Lindsey
Business Editor

To All The Businesses, "Thank You"


unique [yoo-neek] -adjective
1. existing as the only one or as the sole example; single; solitary in type or characteristics: a unique copy of an ancient manuscript. 2.having no like or equal; unparalleled; incomparable: Bach was unique in his handling of counterpoint. 4. not typical; unusual: She has a very unique smile. -noun
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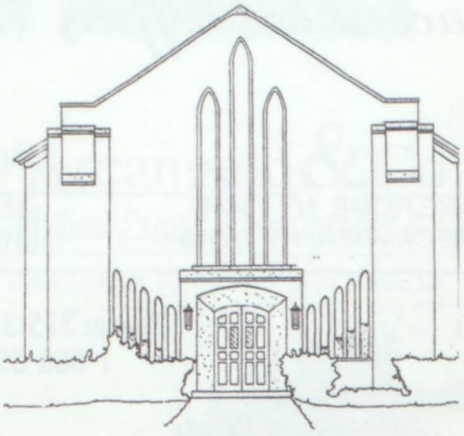

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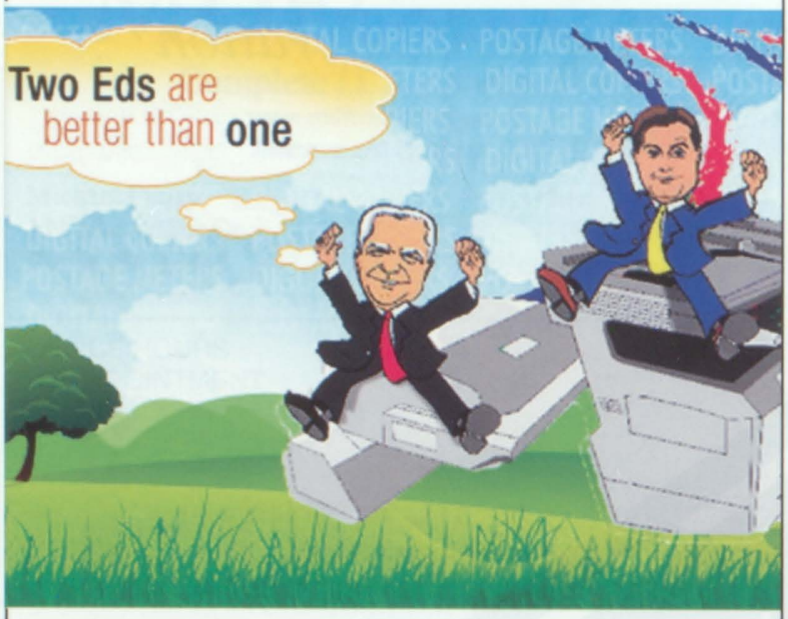

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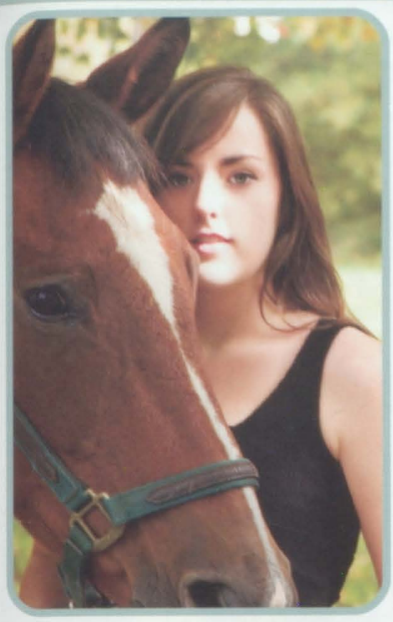
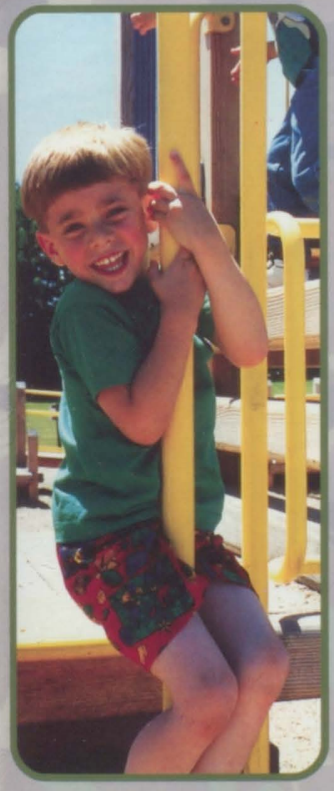


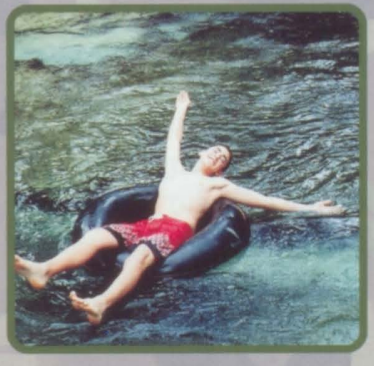
From the moment we looked into your eyes we knew how much we loved you and how special you would be. Your strength and determination has never wavered. You have the whole world waiting for you!

We love you with all that we are.
Keep the Faith!
Love, Mom & Dad,
Tommy, Mallory, Chelsea, Oscar, Gracie, & Tilly

"Turns out not where, but what you think that really matter, we'll make the best of what's around."
-Dave Matthews

ROBERT KOHLBRENNER





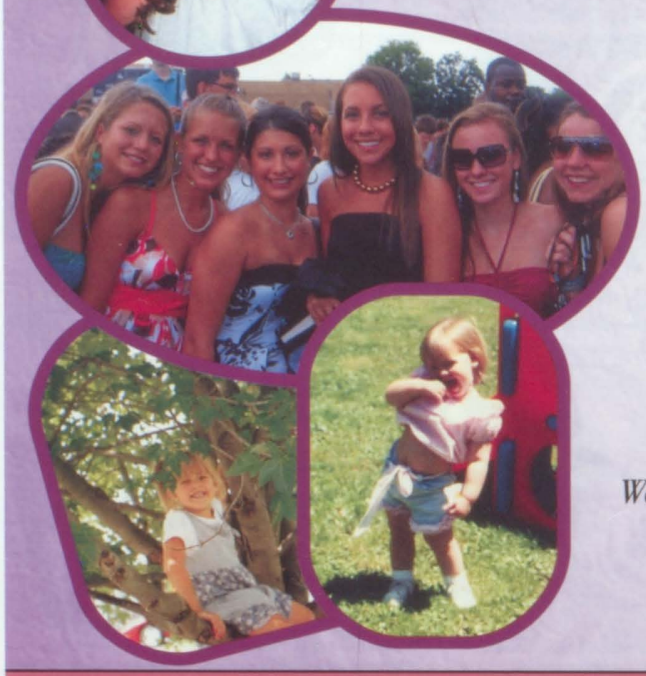
Rocky,

You have come a long way, from the little boy who sucked his thumb, to the little boy who wanted to be a firemen like his dad, to the young man who wants to go to West Point! As Eleanor Roosevelt once said, "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." Don't ever stop believing!

Love Mom, Dad, Kylie, and Gabhriel

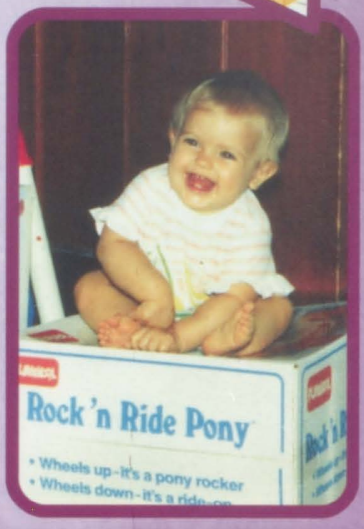
Knock Knock! Who's there? Police. Police who? *Police stop telling those awful knock, knock jokes.*

BRANDY KOTARY



Fly...

You never know
how high you
can soar,
until you try.
Spread your wings
and paint the sky.
Beauty awaits you
beneath every twinkling star,
for you have
many gifts
that will take you far.
And I hope you
never forget
how precious you are.
"I Hope You Dance"
We believe in you and are so proud of you!
Love,
Mom&Dad



JENNIFER LYMAN

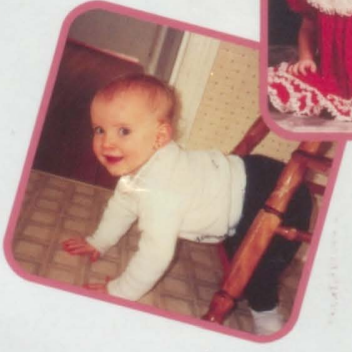
Jen,

It seems like yesterday you were the little girl in nursery school screaming at the thought of sitting on santa's lap. (funny how some things never change. He still creeps you out today.) Or the little girl who wouldn't say "here" in kindergarten when the teacher called your name and you were sitting right in front of her. Then one day that little girl crawled out of her shell and began talking to the kids in class, the teachers and even your friends parents. That shy little girl has become a strong independent young women who continues to make smart choices. We are very proud of you. Good luck in college and in all your endeavors.

(See, no Poem!)

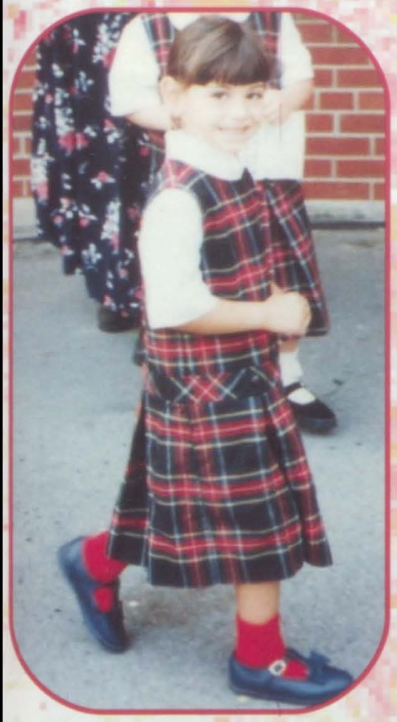
Love,
Mom,Dad
Kaleigh, J

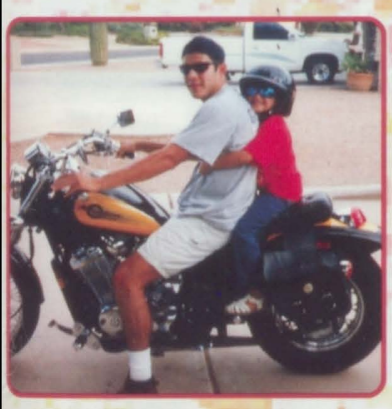
Gentle Gentle Jen!!

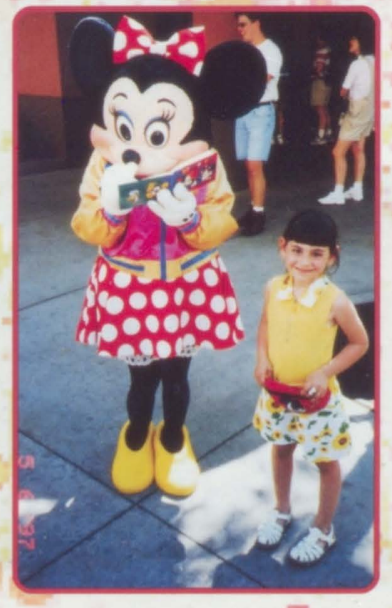


We Love You Hemmy

GABRIELLE CATALINA LORETO







Dear Gabrielle,

How to make it in the game of life.

1.*Never never never give up if your not first, your out.*

2. *Always be true to yourself. Because you can only count on yourself.*

3.*Always be good to others. You never know when you may need them.*

4.*Guard yourself and your family always from the world around you. Because the world can be a very cruel place.*

5. *Love life everyday like it was your last day, because it maybe*

6.*Good things will always come to you. If not make them come.*

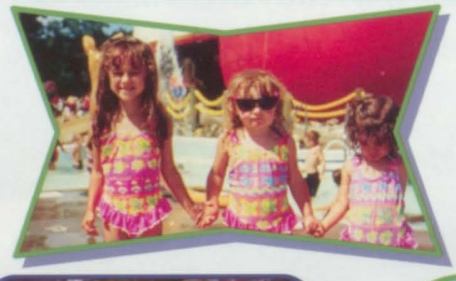
7. *Don't sweat the small stuff. No one ever gets out alive.*
-Remember it takes courage to grow up and become who you really are. The world is what you make it. Believe in yourself!!!
Love you
Forever
Mom-Dad-Samantha

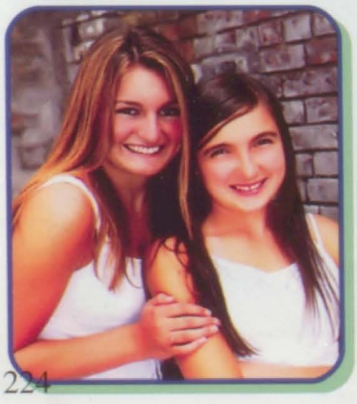
KATIE MATT

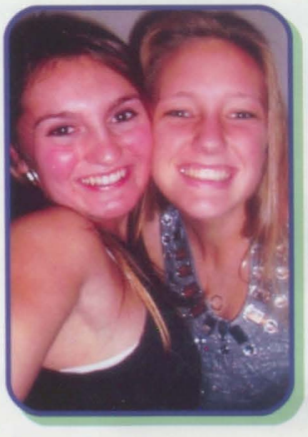
Our Wish For You...
Is that this life becomes all that you want it to
Your dreams stay big,
your worries stay small
You never need to carry more than you can hold
And while you're out there getting where you're getting to
I hope you know somebody loves you and wants the same things too.

Our Hopes For You...
That you seek happiness not so much at the finish line,
as in the running;
That you have the strength not to lift tremendous weights,
but one fallen friend;
Not that the occasion makes you smile, but that your smile makes the occasion.

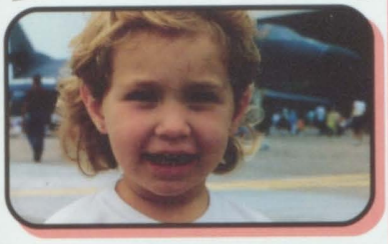
Always be true to yourself,
We are very proud of you!
Love, Mom, Dad, & Karlie







KRISTIN METZGER



Kristin,
Your high school graduation is here, my how the time has flown by. We are very proud of the young woman you have become and now it's time for us to push you from the nest and let you fly on your own. We are confident that you will be successful in all your endeavors, but should life throw you a curve remember that we will always be there for you. Only in our wildest imagination did we think we would ever see an Alaskan moose and for that we thank you. May all your hopes and dreams become reality and remember "Smilers wear a crown, losers wear a frown."
All our love,
Mom, Dad, Rich, Tricia, Josh and Erich.

ELIZABETH LOPEZ

Elizabeth,
It seems like only yesterday you were starting school. You have grown so quickly into a bright, strong, beautiful young woman and we know you will accomplish amazing things in your life. Reach for your dreams and remember we'll always be there for you. We are very proud of you!

Love always,
Mom and Dad.

PETER MONAHAN

We love you Peter!
God Bless You Always,
Your Family

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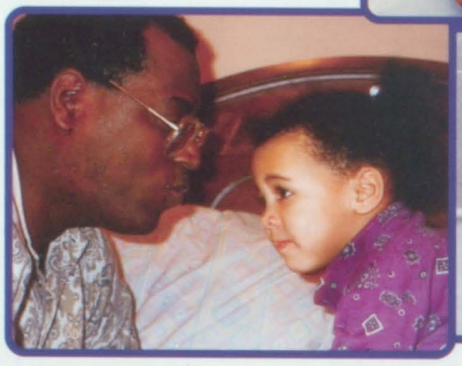
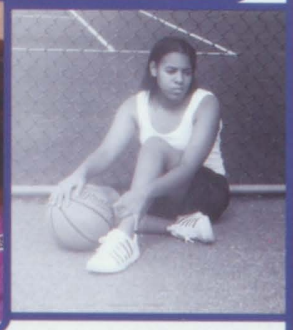
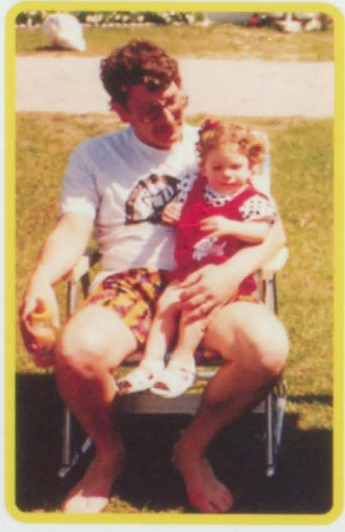




You gave me wings and made me fly
You touched my hand,
I could touch the sky
I lost my faith
you gave it back to me
You said no star was out of reach
You stood by me and I stood tall
I'm everything I am
because you loved me

TESS NIZNIK



"Education should be as gradual as the moonrise, perceptible not in progress, but in result"

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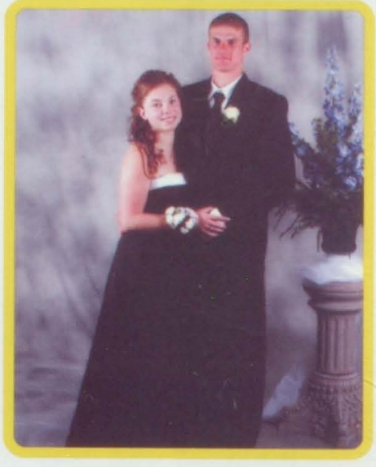
"Nobody's going to rain on my parade, including me"



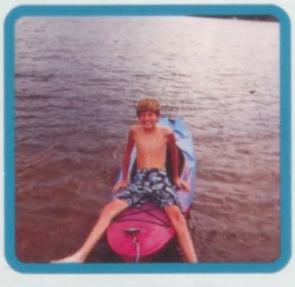
Congratulations Tess

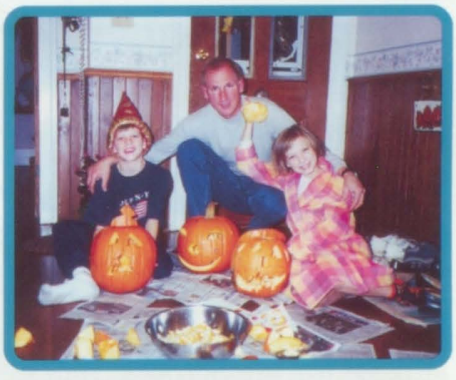
You will always be
Dad's *Princess* and
Grandma's *Tessita*

Love
Dad and Gram

TYLER NUTTING

WILLIAM OLNEY, III





"CONGRATULATIONS BILL!"

You Made It!

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Audrey

OLIVIA OPPERMAN

Olivia,

I hope that the days come easy and the moments pass slow, And each road leads you where you wanna go, And if your faced with the choice, and you have to choose, I hope you choose the one that means the most to you. And if one door opens to another door closed, I hope you keep on walkin' till you find a window, If it's cold outside, show the world the warmth of your smile, But more than anything, more than anything, My wish for you. is that this life becomes all that you want it to, Your dreams stay big, and your worries stay small, You never need to carry more than you can hold, And while you're out there getting where you're getting to, I hope you know somebody loves you, and wants the same things too, Yeah, this, is my wish.

We are so proud of you and love you! Mom, Dad and Kyle XOXO

KAYLIN PAGE

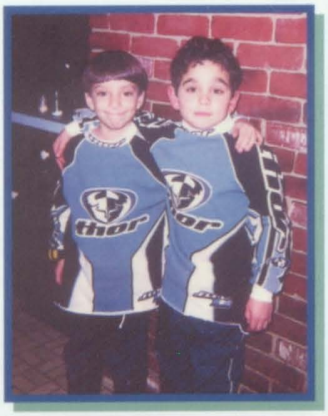
To Our Family Baby,

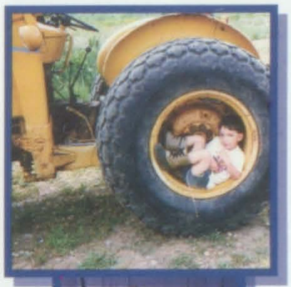
The Center of Jokes
The Center of Attention
The one with the biggest smile
The one with the biggest heart
The one we all love
The Center of our family
Reach for the Stars "Princess"
We Love You!
Mom, Dad, Keith, Craig and Erika

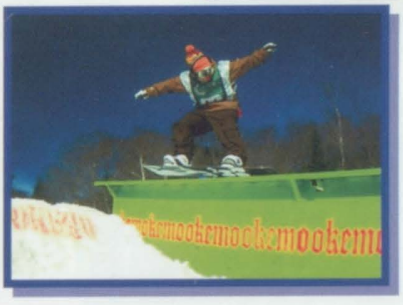
P.S. Pinky Swear

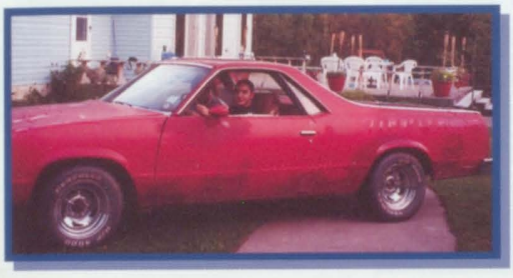
TIMOTHY RAMOS

You are a wonderful young man. We are so very proud of you in so many ways. You are 35th in your class, we knew you could do it, even though it was unexpected. You have amazed us with your music ability, from the keyboard, to the tuba and teaching yourself to play the guitar.
Never lose your sense of humor, your unique quality to brighten up the room and your ability to empathize with others.
Good luck in college. Never stop learning and growing from every encounter and experience. We wish you all the best life has to offer. We will always love and support your choice, you have done a great job so far!
Love, Mom, Dad, and Tiffany

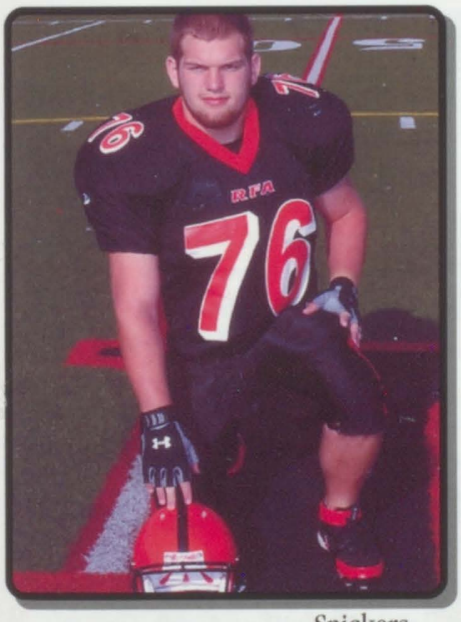






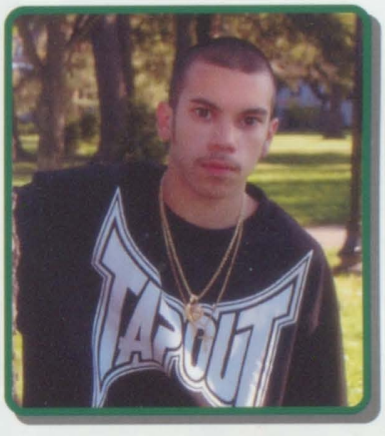


JONATHAN SCHEIDERICH



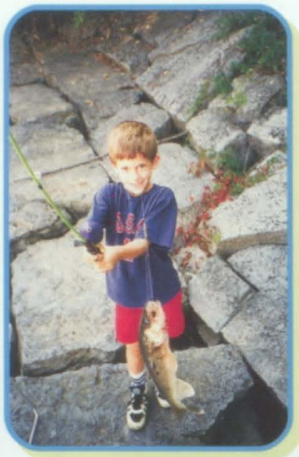
Snickers,
You are a wonderful son and we are so proud of you. Jonathan, you have a shining spirit and a great personality don't ever change. We love you and we will always be here for you. Live life to its fullest and don't ever give up on your dreams.
Love, Mom, Dad and Jordan.

DEREK PUMA



Your graduation is yet another exciting chapter in your life story
May you enjoy writing all the future chapters as much as we will enjoy reading them
As you move forward in life,
always know that we're behind you in whatever you do and dream!
Congratulations,
Love Dad, Mom, Vita, and Stefanie

JOSHUA SEXTON

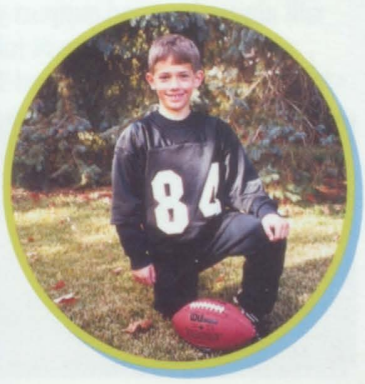


It's too hard to believe that your senior year of high school is coming to a close. You have made us SO proud to be your parents! Those who don't know you say you are kind, caring, intelligent, handsome, athletic, and let's not forget you have "skills!"

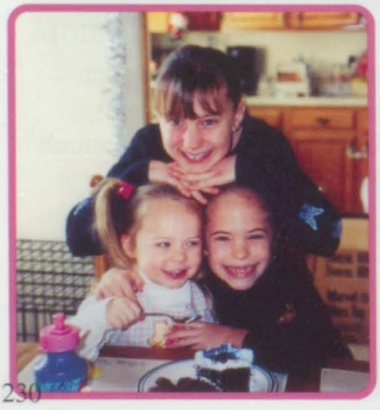
We hope you go on to play sports in college because we won't know what to do without a ball game to go to!

From now on, the ball is in your court, or off your foot, or in your glove, and the choice is yours where to send it. We will always be here to support your decisions. Just follow your heart.

All our Love
Mom & Dad



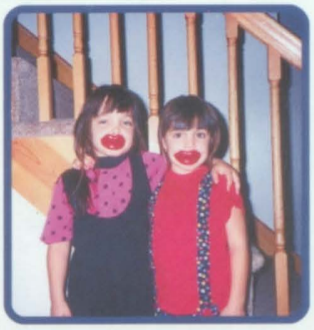
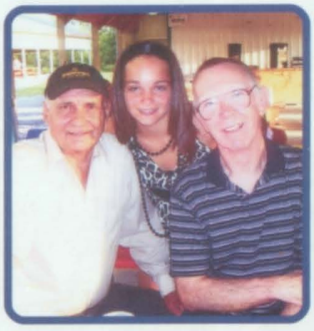
SAMANTHA SHAVER



Congratulations! You have achieved a huge milestone by graduating. Words cannot describe the joy you have brought to our lives. You are all we could have hoped for and more. You have grown up to be a sweet, caring, beautiful girl. Time has gone by too fast. We wish you could stay young forever, but we know it is time for another chapter of your life to begin. You worked hard these past couple of years. Enjoy college and remember your family will always be here for you. We will end with a quote from Walt Disney *"All your dreams can come true, if you have the courage to pursue them."*

Love,
Mom, Dad, Candice and Cara

ARIANA SMITH

CONTINUE TO MAKE US PROUD!

WE LOVE YOU!
MOM & DAD

ERIN SMITH

Dearest Erin,
We are so proud of you! May all your hopes and dreams come true.

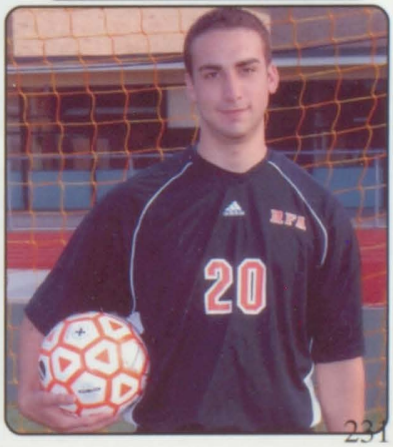
Love Forever,
Mom, Dad, Shannon, Lindsay, Paul and Luke

Congratulations #12

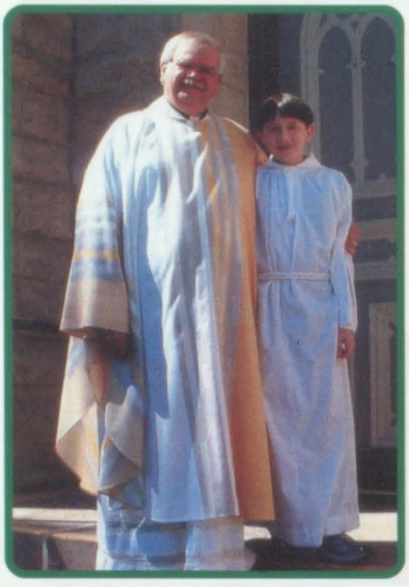
JEFFERY STREIFERT

Congratulations Jeff!
We are very proud of you. Prepare for the unknown by studying how others in the past have coped with the unforeseeable and unpredictable. Take calculated risks. Lead, because if the blind lead the blind then both shall fall into the ditch.

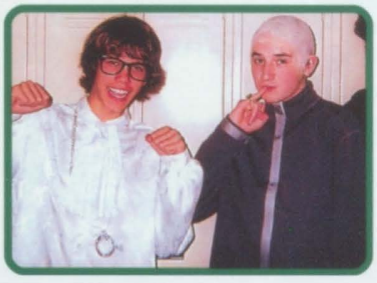
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Natalie



BRIAN STAUFFER



One day a little boy was born into the world and for a very small moment, his mother held him close. But soon they came to clean him up and right then the mother knew. Life with that little boy would always mean letting him go...Be safe little boy, don't forget me little boy, look how much you've grown. Be safe little boy, where you leave little boy, its time you're on your own...Karen Kingsbury.



We are so proud of the man you have become and so thankful for all the smiles you have given us along the way. We are never too far away when you need us. Work hard and be happy and Dream Big!

We love you!

Mom and Dad

STEPHANIE TARDUGNO

Stephanie

Always know that your family is here for you-
We love you so very much. Follow your dreams with all that passion of yours and they will come true.

ERIC TOWNSEND

Eric,

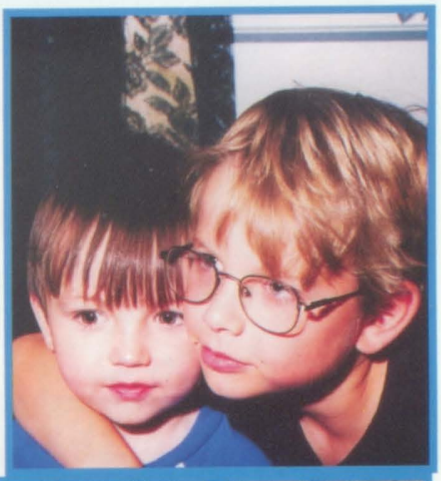
There are so many things that we can say about you , We are all proud of your accomplishments. The biggest and most respectful part of you is the fact you never gave up, You always held your head up no matter what life threw at you, not a day goes by that you don't wake up singing.

Always remember hold your head up high and continue to wake up singing you will continue to succeed in life.

Love,

Mom, Dad, Grandma, Brit and Steven

P.S. Think of me and it will be OK!



EMMA THOMAS

"She packed up her potential and all she had learned, grabbed a cute pair of shoes and headed out with a degree of happy assurance in her heart." -Curly Girl

We couldn't be prouder of you.
All our love Mom, Dad, Mae & Tiny

MARIA TOMASSI

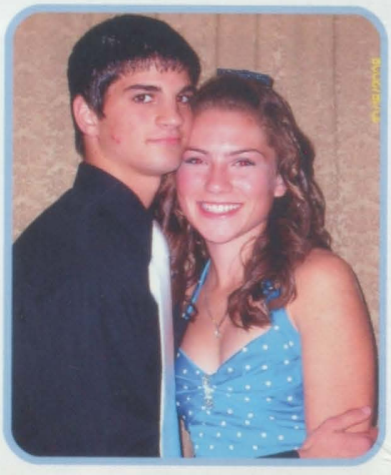
Congratulations Maria!
we are so proud of you and your accomplishments, keep up the good work and all your dreams will come true.
We are looking forward to your college years.
We love you very much!
Love Mom, Dad, Michael
Michelle & Jim

CARISSA PAIGE THOMPSON

It seems like yesterday when we held you tightly in our arms as our little baby girl. Now the young lady before us is preparing for college. The time flew quickly and the memories are fond. We will cherish the past as fondly as we look forward to your future endeavors and worldly journeys.

You will never know a day without our love. Thank God for the blessing he gave us in nurturing you into such a beautiful, caring, thoughtful and wonderful woman.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Roni, and Peder



Scott Townsend

Through the years you've grown into a handsome young man. Now your next journey in life will be college. Reach for the stars, Scott. They're within your grasp!

Love Always,
Mom, Dad, Keri, Brian,
And Laci

Rachel DeShaw

Rachel,
Follow your heart and may all of your dreams come true. Our future is in your hands - make every minute count for something. Live long, laugh hard, and love forever.
Love always,
Mom and Dad

Reinaldo Prezeau

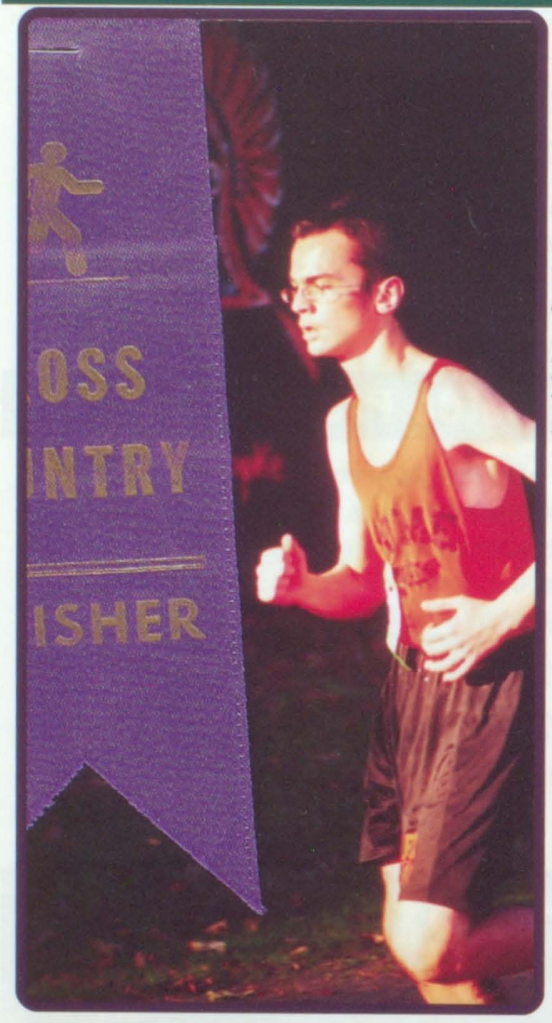
As your journey of high school is coming to an end, we know other journeys will follow. Your future has much in store for you. You have filled our lives with great Joy, and we are so proud of you.

Love,
Your Family

Trisha Vanderjagt

You have worked hard to get where you are at today and you should be very proud of yourself. Believe in yourself as much as your family believes in you and may all your dreams come true. We are all so proud of you as our daughter, sister, and granddaughter.
Love
Mom, Dad, and Nicole

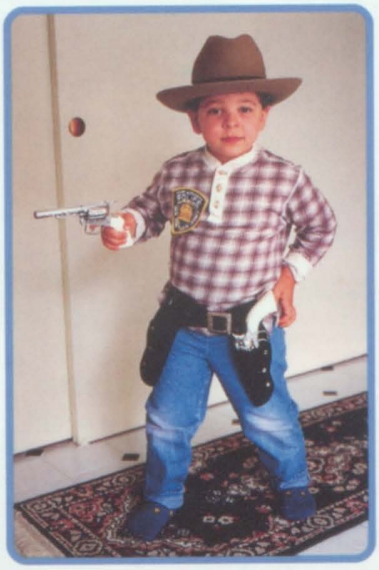
Derek Treonze



Many wonderful snapshots came to mind as we recall the years that went by, each one bringing forth more confidence, patience, and wisdom. Achieving high honor roll, being an altar server at St. Paul's Church, always willing to help out, surprising us with gifts and compliments, and always being so thoughtful of others, has made being your parents a complete pleasure.
Thank you Rome Public Schools and thank you Derek.
XXOO Love Always,
Mom and Dad

"Thats what dreams are made of"
-Van Halen

CHRISTIAN VICTORIO



Christian,
Congratulations! We love you very much and we are proud of all your accomplishments and talents.

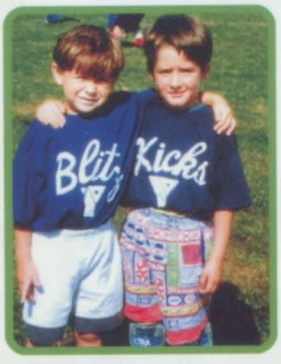
"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And he shall direct your paths."
-Proverbs 3: 5,6

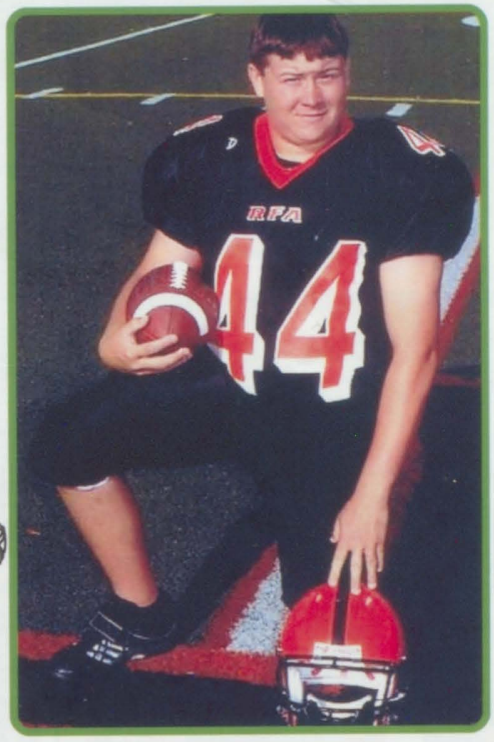
Your Salvation is the most important thing in your life; and ours, too.

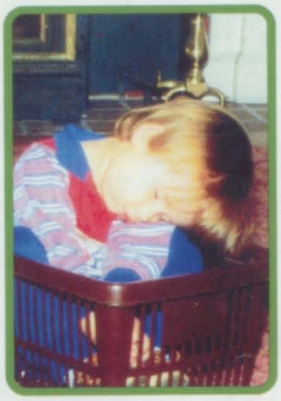
We love you.
Mom, Dad, Alanna, Ian, and Lucas

Class of 2009

DAVID WAITE





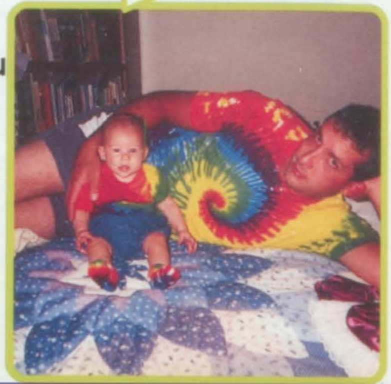


Work hard, Play hard, It happens. Love, Dad, Mom, and Michelle

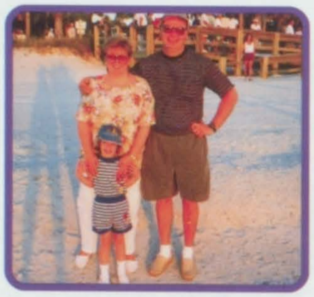
JESSICA LUCZAK

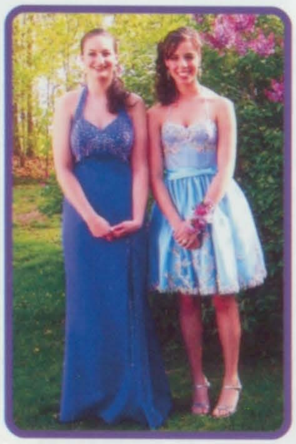
Dear Jessica
You are an amazing person! We are so proud of all you have accomplished. We admire your compassion, independence, and intelligence. You have given us so much joy! We love you very much. Find your passion and embrace your life as an adventure. God bless, Buddy.
Love, mom and dad

We love you. Thanks for always being there. You're the best sister.
Love, Sara and Jacob



DEANNA DEARO

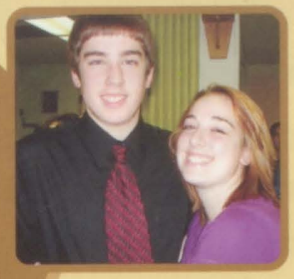




to my Little Angel

Here is your chance to 'spread your wings' and fly! You have made me so proud. I know your father in heaven is smiling down on you for all you have accomplished so far. Always work hard and have fun. But most of all, never leave home without your smile. Love Always, Mom

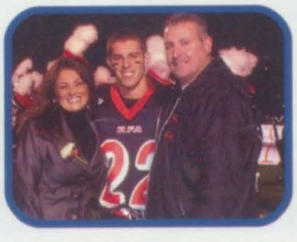
GABRIELLE WHITE



My Precious Girl. I am proud of you and I love you. Know the road ahead is not easy but the destination will be worth the drive. With God by your side anything is possible. Just remember the decisions you make today will be with you forever. Always be kind to others.
Remember to Live, Love and Laugh! --Mom & Zac

MARCO JOHN DOMINIC

From the day you were born you captured our hearts, and our Love for you has just kept growing.....
We sometimes wish time would slow down so we could enjoy your memories a little longer. Even though years continue to rush by, you always bring us new reasons to be so very proud of you!
Now is the time to wish you all the happiness your heart deserves....and thank-you for filling the years with so many treasures to our hearts...
We love you Pooches
Mom, Dad, Justin and Anthony



SAMANTHA GLEBA

Samantha, Congratulations to you and the Class of 2009! We have enjoyed watching you grow from a very shy child to a beautiful confident young woman. We are proud of you and your accomplishments! We will always be here for you.

With all our love,
Mom, Dad, Melissa, Keri & Chris

Nicole Wasco

You entered our world on Oct. 29,1991 and you were a special gift to us. You cannot imagine how proud of you and your accomplishments we are. Always remember to follow your dreams and work hard- we will always be there for you.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Kayla and Hannah

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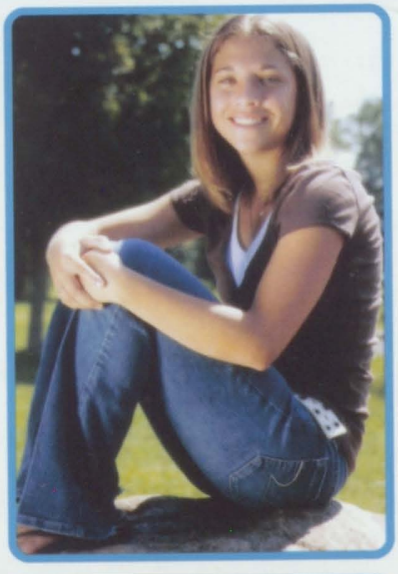
KELLY WARCUP

Kelly Bell

You have grown from a beautiful baby to a wonderful, beautiful teenager. We are very proud of you. Shoot for the stars and you can get whatever you want for life.
Love
Dad, Mom, Kand, BJ, Nicole, and Grandma

JACKIE WELCH



I hope you never lose your sense of wonder
You get your fill to eat
But always keep that hunger
May you never take one single breath for granted
God forbid love ever leave you empty handed
I hope you still feel small
When you stand beside the ocean
Whenever one door closes, I hope one more opens
Promise me you'll give faith a fighting chance
And when you get the choice to sit it out or dance
I hope you dance!

Jackie,

Where have the years gone? It seems like just yesterday we were bringing you home from the hospital. You have filled our days with pride and joy. God Blessed you with unique talents and abilities, and you have used those gifts well! You've taken nothing for granted; rather you have worked hard to prepare for your future. We look forward to watching you in the next chapter of your life. Enjoy every moment of it.

We Love You!
Mom, Dad, Zack, and Mackenzie

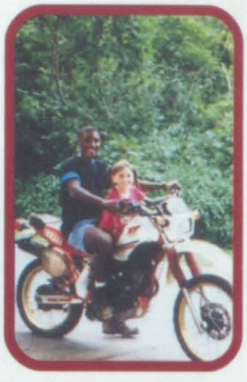
Amber Begor

From the day you were born, you have been a joy to watch grow into the beautiful young woman you are today.

And now as you graduate from RFA, you are a shining star.

So as you go off to college, remember we are all here for you and love you more than words can say.

We love you
Mom, Scott, Justin,
Nana and Papa



Kyle Buol

"Whoa, Live it Up. Life is what you make it"

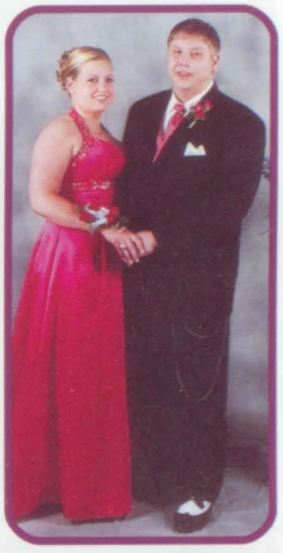
Kyle,
You've tackled the guys on the field. Now its time to tackle the next chapter in your life.
We are so proud of you!
We Love you,
Dad, Janet, Johanna, Jenna, Molly, and Percy

Jenna Dietz

"And when you get the choice to sit it out or dance
We hope you DANCE...."

We are so proud of the beautiful woman you have become. And we are truly blessed to have you in our lives.
We love you so much!
Johanna, Mom, Randy, Kyle, Molly and Percy

Marianna Thayer



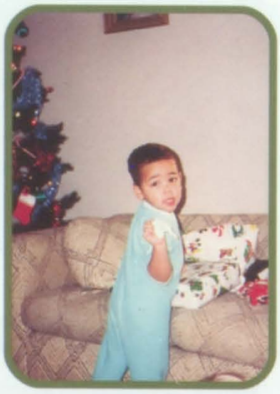
From the moment you were born, you were a joyful blessing to our family. You were a very determined strong willed child and now an extremely independent and determined young woman. You have completed our family and we can't tell you how much we all love you. It is exciting to watch you grow and mature. You are a sweet and thoughtful, very intelligent, sensitive and extremely caring (keep that caring heart growing) little girl that God gave to our family. Congratulations on your accomplishment now and in the future.
We are all so proud of you. We love you with all our hearts!
Mom, Dad, and Russell
Grandma and Grandpa DeSimone

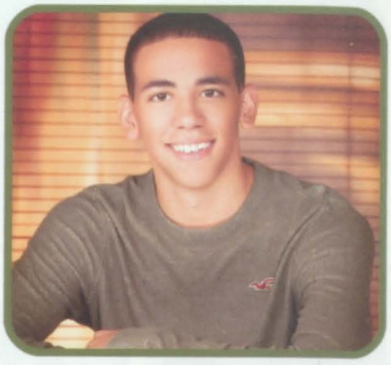
Nichole Wiltsie

There is no need to reach for the stars. They are already within you-just reach deep within yourself, you are a shining star. We are so proud of you and love you very much! MUAH!! Love, Mom and Dad

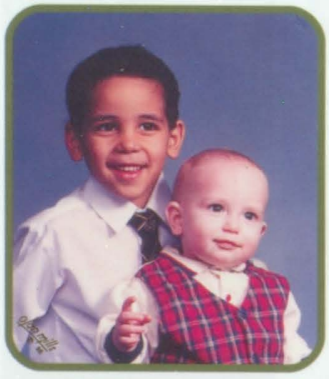
Courage, determination, commitment, toughness, heart and guts. That's what you are made of, the heck with sugar and spice.

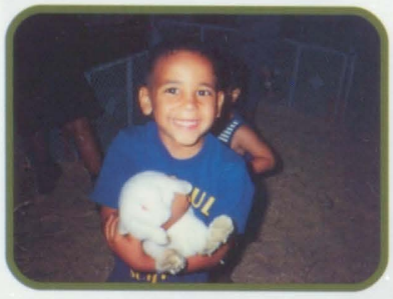
Jair Linder



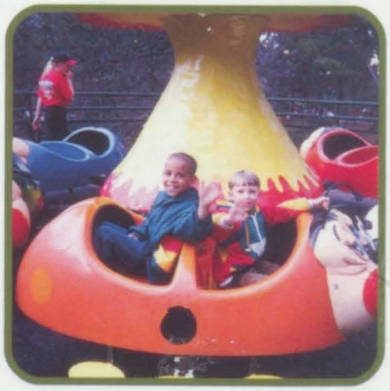


We are so proud of the young man you have become! You're a wonderful son, and an even better big brother. Remember as you begin this next year's journey that your loving family will be by your side. It's not the fall that matters, it's what we become after the fall! We love you so much!



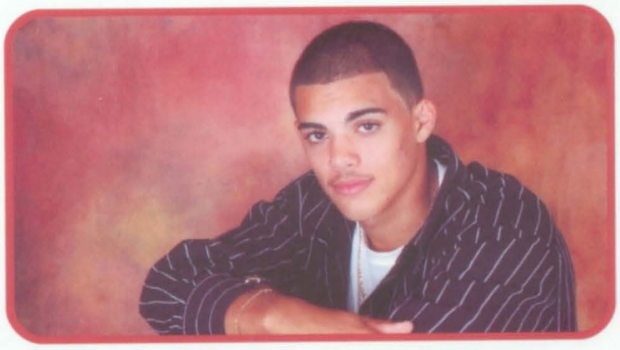


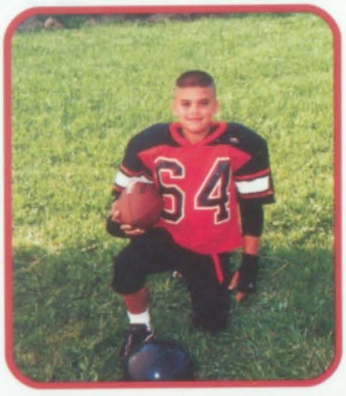
"Everything you want is out there waiting for you to ask. Everything you want also wants you, but you have to take action to get it!" Your actions prove that you will get everything you could of ever imagined and then some!

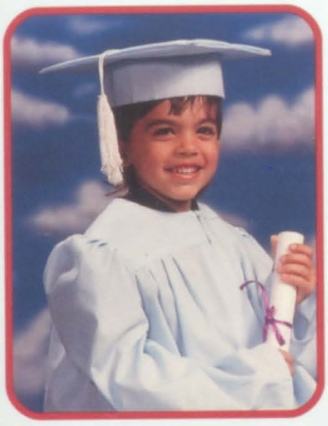


With Love, Bud!
Mom, Dylan, Emily, and Steve

Stefano Mark Iodice







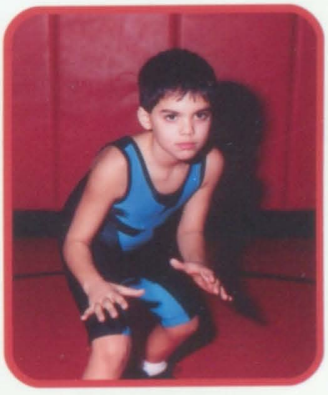
Since the day you were born you've filled our lives with so much love and joy. As you begin this journey in your life, remember to listen to your heart and *Reach* for the stars. You are a strong willed and loving young man. I thank you for being the most wonderful son that a parent could wish for. Always remember that we love you and will always be there for you no matter what. May God Bless you on your journey.

We're so proud of you!

We love you

Mom, Dad

Antonio and Elisabella



Jenna Dietz

Congratulations! The world is now at your disposal to fulfill the wants and desires of your heart. Follow your dreams, sweetheart.

We love you,

Pap, Jacci, Robert and Emma

To all our graduating seniors, we wish you well and know with confidence that you will be a smashing success. You have worked hard throughout your high school years and the time that you have spent on this production of the RFA yearbook will be something that you can look back on with pride and a sense of accomplishment. Remember the good times and learn from the bad times. We are proud of all of you! To the current staff, I hope that this yearbook experience has been one of growth and a bit of fun through it all. I hope that you will consider returning to another year of rewarding work on the DE-O-WAIN-STA.

Congratulations to All the Graduating Seniors. We hope that you enjoy this edition of your student produced publication!

Autographs

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In loving memory of

Brenden James Powell

May 24, 1990 - October 9, 2006

Chasing rainbows and running free,
that's the way it should be.
But God has called you
to come home leaving me here alone.
He had a greater plan you see,
bigger than you and I could be.
I miss you each and everyday,
my heart cries out for you in every way.
You were my beautiful little boy,
who overwhelmed me with so much joy.
Your laughter and your smile
kept me going for awhile.
So fly high my little one,
don't wait for me, your soul is now free.
Until again someday we meet,
hold the angels near my sweet.
I know you have heaven's love,
as I chase rainbows from above.
-Love Always, Mom

Brenden was born with a life threatening congenital heart defect. He was a pioneer for the children of the future. He had to undergo four open heart surgeries and had surgery for a pacemaker. For such a short time we graciously had been given an angel here on earth who now walks with God as his angel in heaven. Brenden was a beautiful baby who grew into a handsome, spiritual and inspiring young man. Throughout his life he showed us strength and courage. His smile so big and bright, his sense of humor carried us through.

He is a miracle and our hero. Brenden's heart was bigger than life, he had compassion for animals and was referred to as the "crocodile hunter." Brenden had an everlasting presence about him. Whether you met him or never knew him at all, his life and legacy he left behind has and will continue to touch the lives of so many people. At times I have been told that Brenden was blessed to have me for a mother but it was I who was blessed to have Brenden for a son.

Brenden you will remain in our hearts forever.

With love always, Mom, Christopher, Michaella and Avery

Pictures drawn by: Brenden

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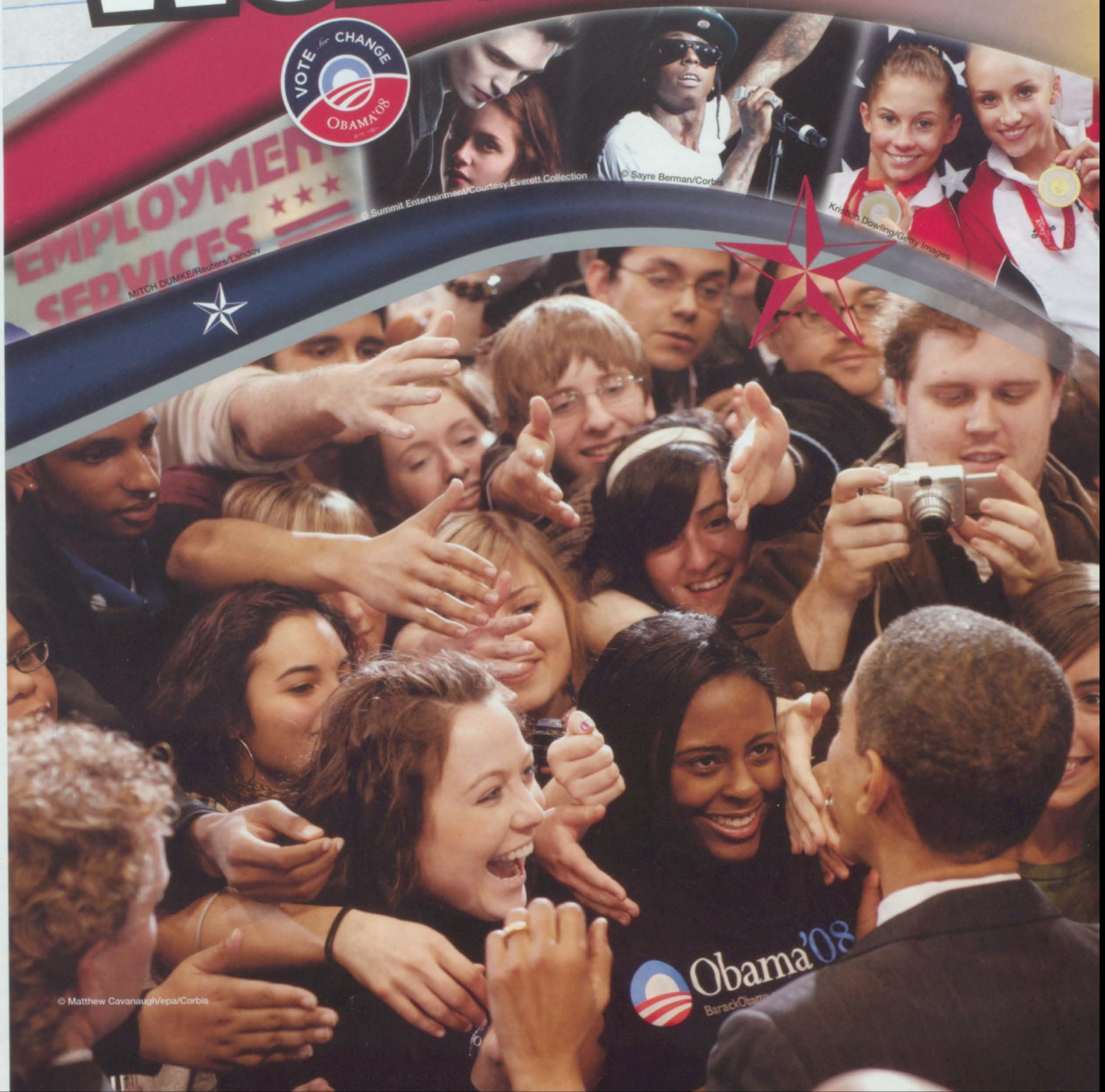
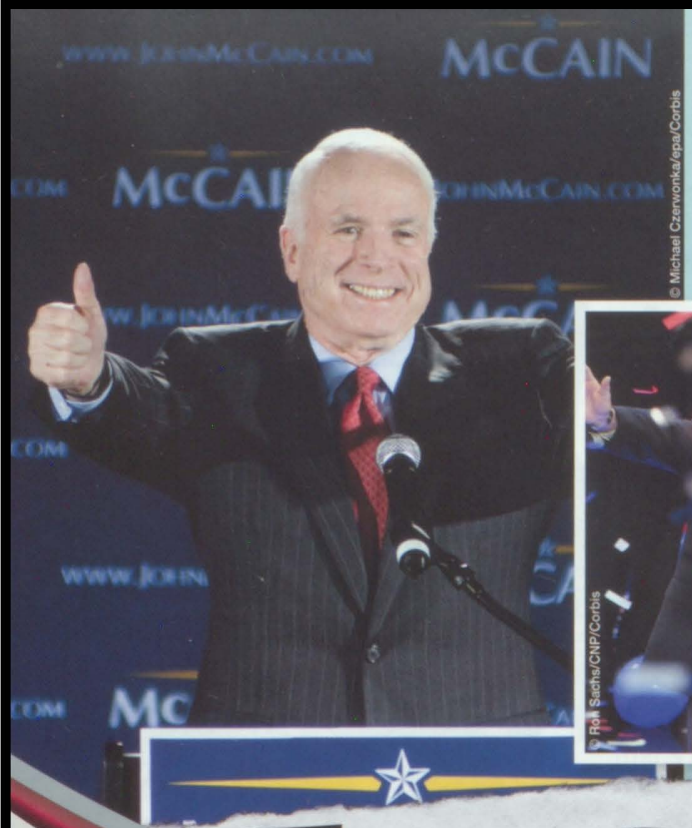


Waves of Change



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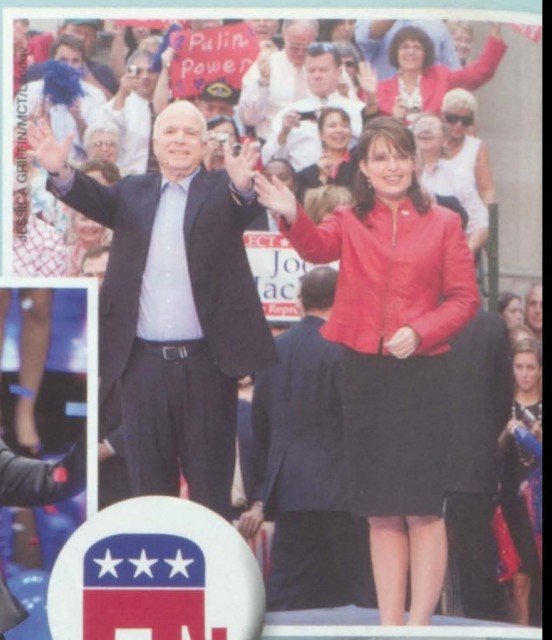
Arizona Senator John McCain wins the Republican nomination for president and names Alaska Governor Sarah Palin as his running mate. Palin is the Republican Party's first female nominee for vice president.



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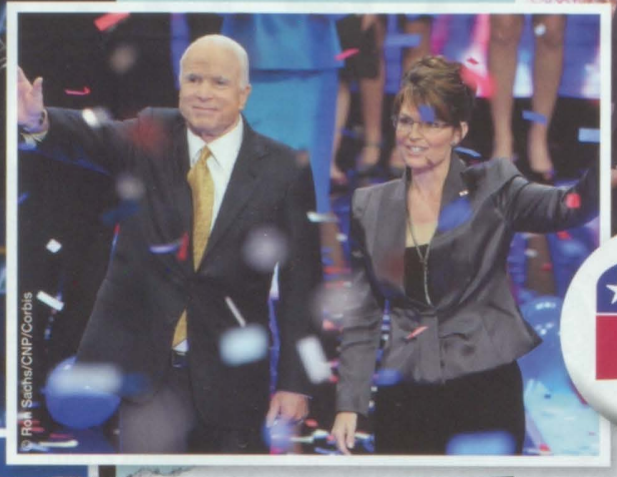

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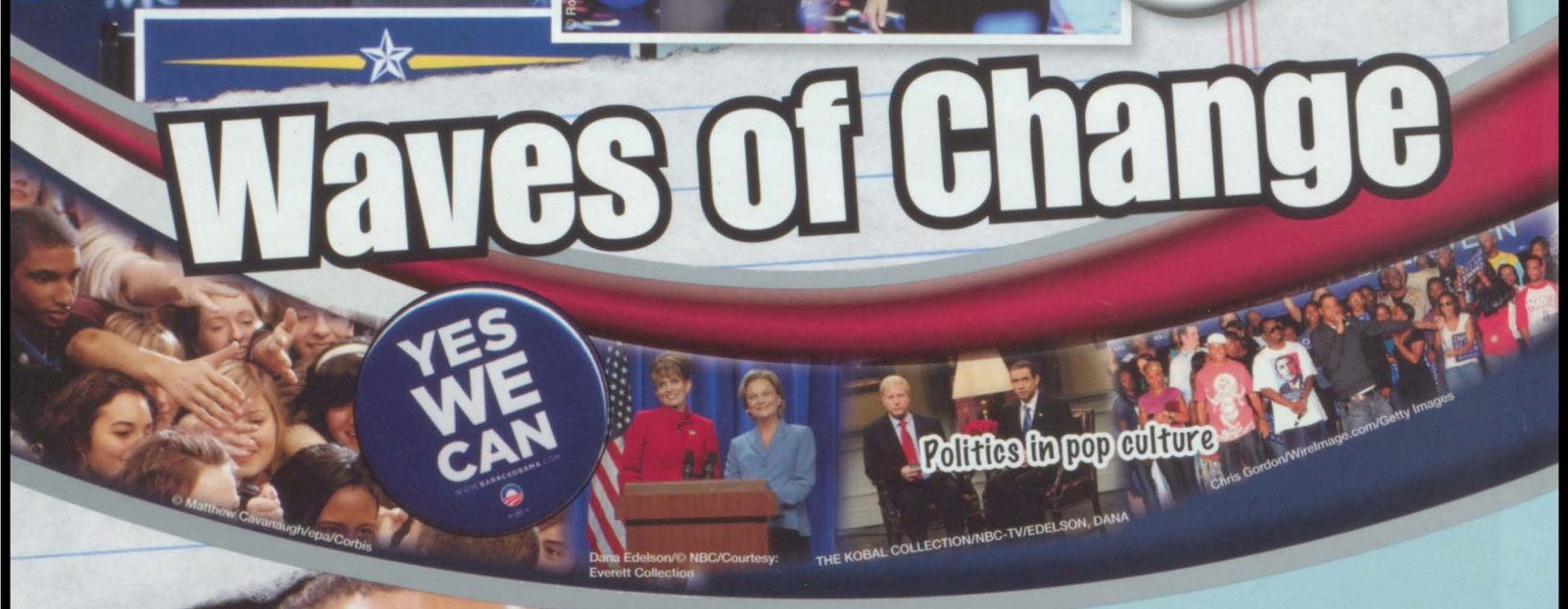

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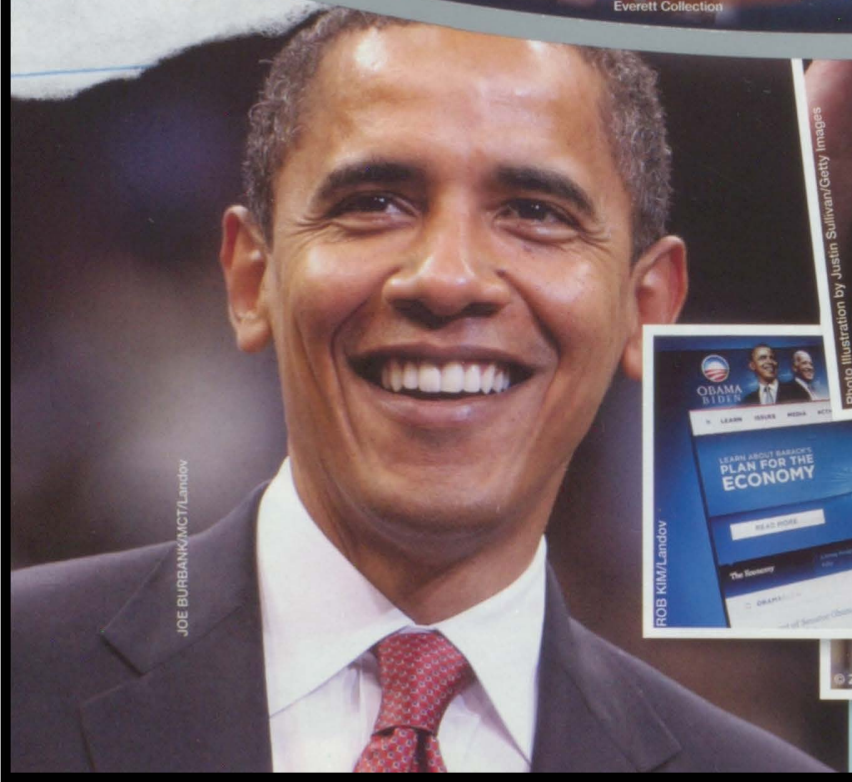

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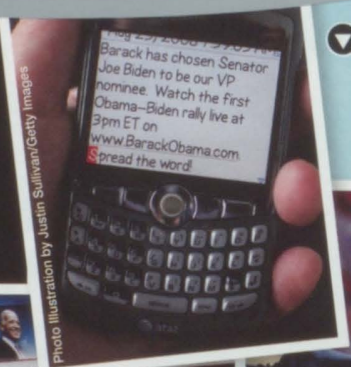

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Democratic Senator Joe Biden of Delaware becomes the 47th vice president of the United States. A member of the Senate since 1973, Biden brings long-time Washington experience to the Obama administration.

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Obama's grassroots organization and innovative Web campaign is credited with inspiring young and first-time voters to participate heavily in the election.

The values, fashion and personal vitality of the Obama family resonate with Americans. Public interest in the first family rivals that of the interest in the Kennedy family in the 1960s.

Obama Wins

Barack Obama makes history as the first African-American to win the presidency of the United States. The former Illinois senator promises an era of change that captures the imagination of voters nationwide.

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Electoral Votes

Obama	365
McCain	173

New York Times

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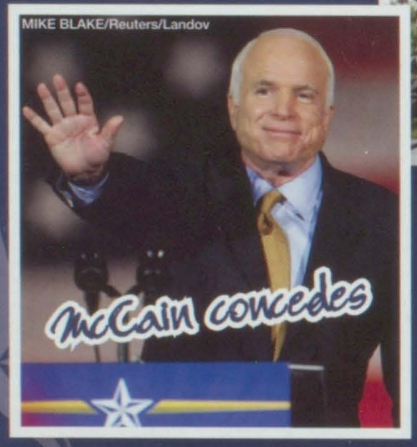
McCain/Palin run a strong campaign, winning 22 states. But they are defeated 53 vs. 46 percent in the general election and by a substantial margin in the Electoral College.



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Celebrations around the world

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Obama's Cabinet nominations

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In January 2009, president-elect Obama attends the ultimate power lunch in the White House, meeting and getting advice from President Bush as well as former Presidents George H. W. Bush, Bill Clinton and Jimmy Carter.

Getting prepared for office

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The inaugural parade

Souvenirs

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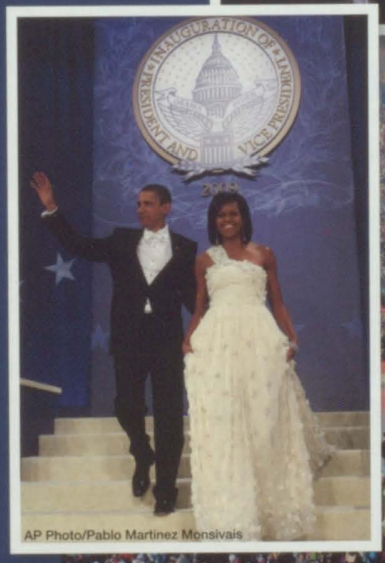
During the inauguration ceremony, Malia Obama captures the moment from a unique point of view.



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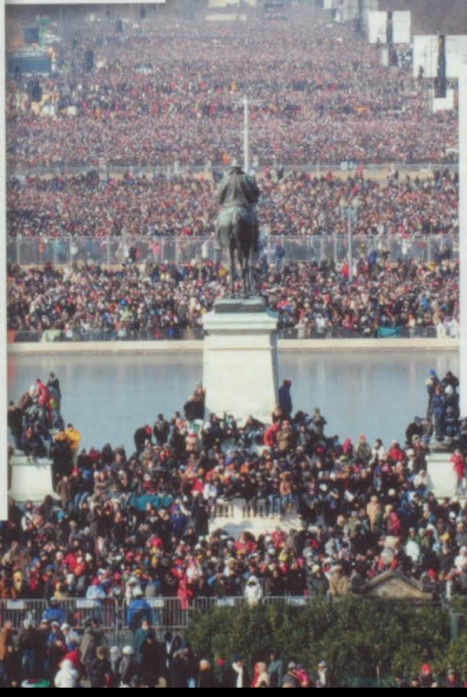

Barack Obama is sworn in as the 44th president of the United States before millions in Washington, D.C. Obama's inaugural address calls for a "new era of responsibility" in the face of economic decline and a pledge to choose "hope over fear."

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"We have chosen hope over fear..."

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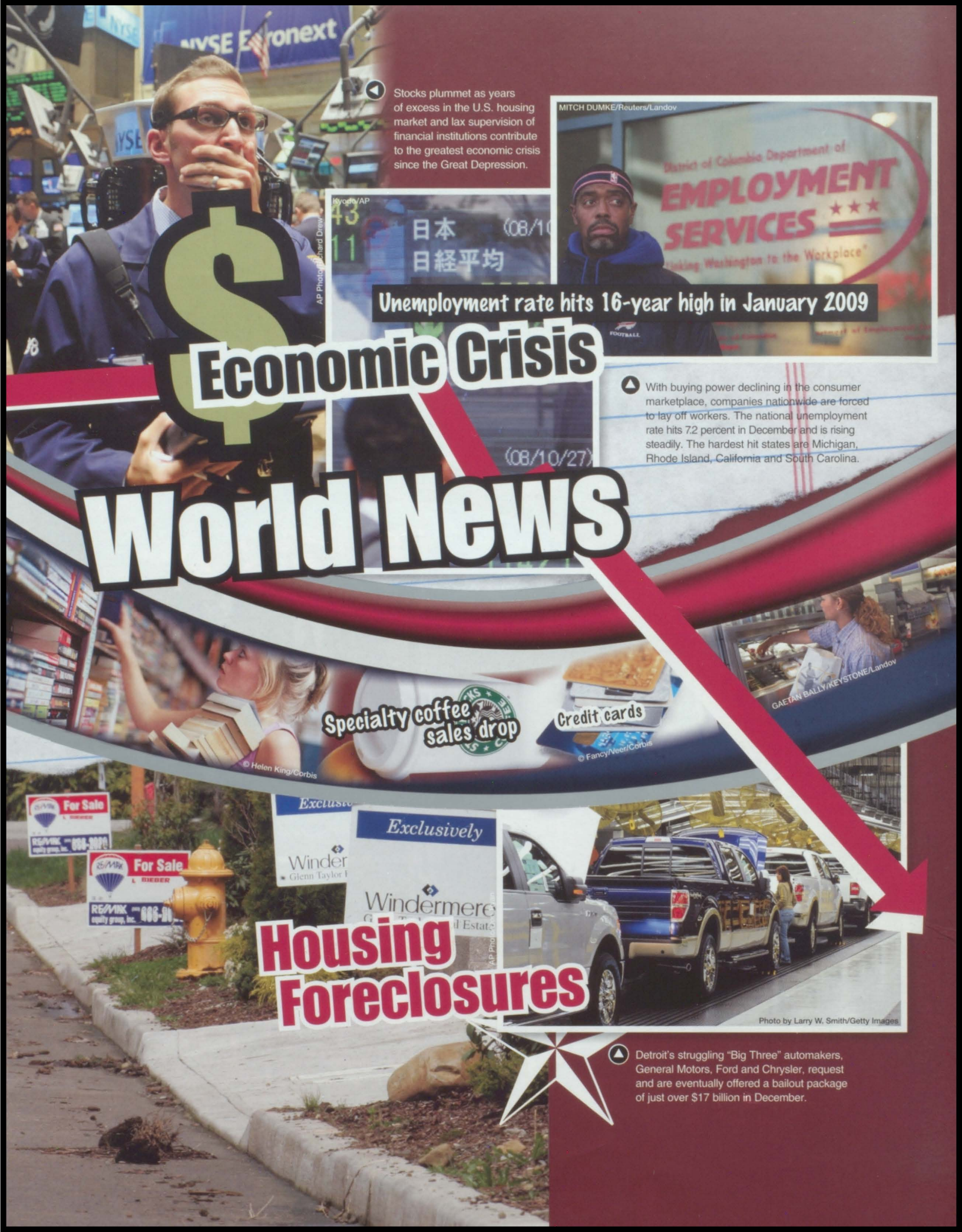
Stocks plummet as years of excess in the U.S. housing market and lax supervision of financial institutions contribute to the greatest economic crisis since the Great Depression.
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EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
Linking Washington to the Workplace
Unemployment rate hits 16-year high in January 2009
Economic Crisis
With buying power declining in the consumer marketplace, companies nationwide are forced to lay off workers. The national unemployment rate hits 7.2 percent in December and is rising steadily. The hardest hit states are Michigan, Rhode Island, California and South Carolina.
World News
Specialty coffee sales drop
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GAETAN BALLY/KEYSTONE/Landov
For Sale
Exclusively
Windermere
Housing Foreclosures
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Detroit's struggling "Big Three" automakers, General Motors, Ford and Chrysler, request and are eventually offered a bailout package of just over $17 billion in December.

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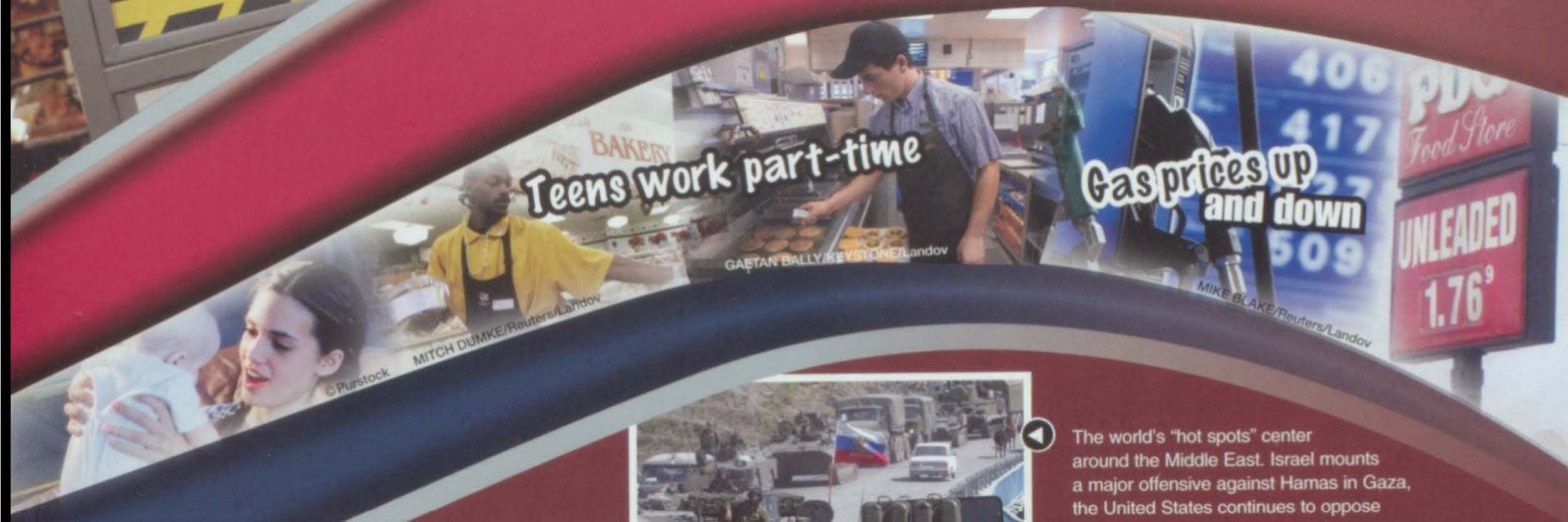
Many retailers are forced to file for bankruptcy or go out of business after being unable to rebound from the harsh economy and a very disappointing fourth quarter of 2008.



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The world's "hot spots" center around the Middle East. Israel mounts a major offensive against Hamas in Gaza, the United States continues to oppose the Taliban in Afghanistan and insurgents in Iraq, and in August, Russia attacks its southern neighbor, Georgia, in a dispute over western influence in the area.

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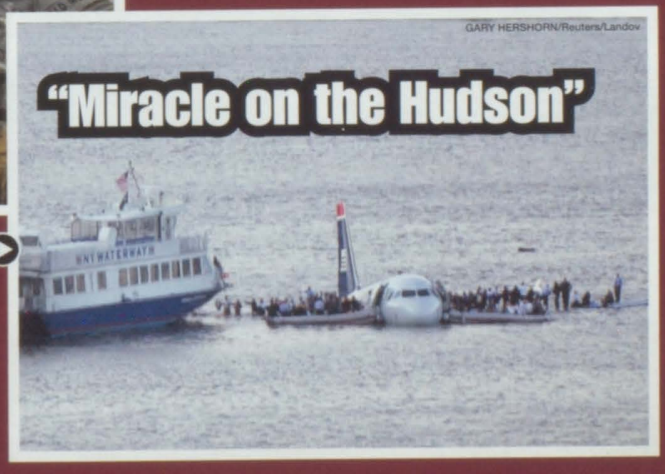

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In January 2009, after both engines fail due to ingesting birds, US Airways Flight 1549 ditches in New York's Hudson River. All 155 passengers and crew members are saved, thanks to the skill and courage of pilot Chesley B. "Sully" Sullenberger.

Changing our World

Environmentally conscious consumers use items such as reusable cloth shopping bags and Klean Kanteen water bottles that don't leak harmful chemicals like BPA.

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Public bicycle sharing systems, already popular in Europe, roll into American cities like Washington, D.C., to help fight traffic congestion and reduce pollution.

Tight money and high gas prices push auto manufacturers to investigate super fuel-efficient and electric cars. The Chevrolet Volt is an early contender and the tiny "Smart" car is already on American roads.

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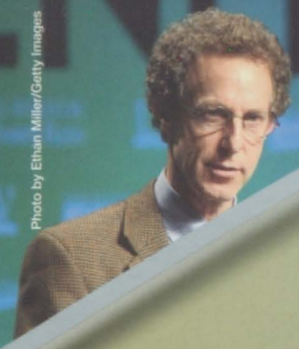
CLEAN ENERGY



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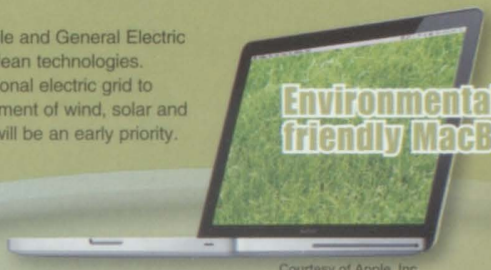
In September, Google and General Electric partner to develop clean technologies. Modernizing the national electric grid to enable wider deployment of wind, solar and geothermal energy will be an early priority.



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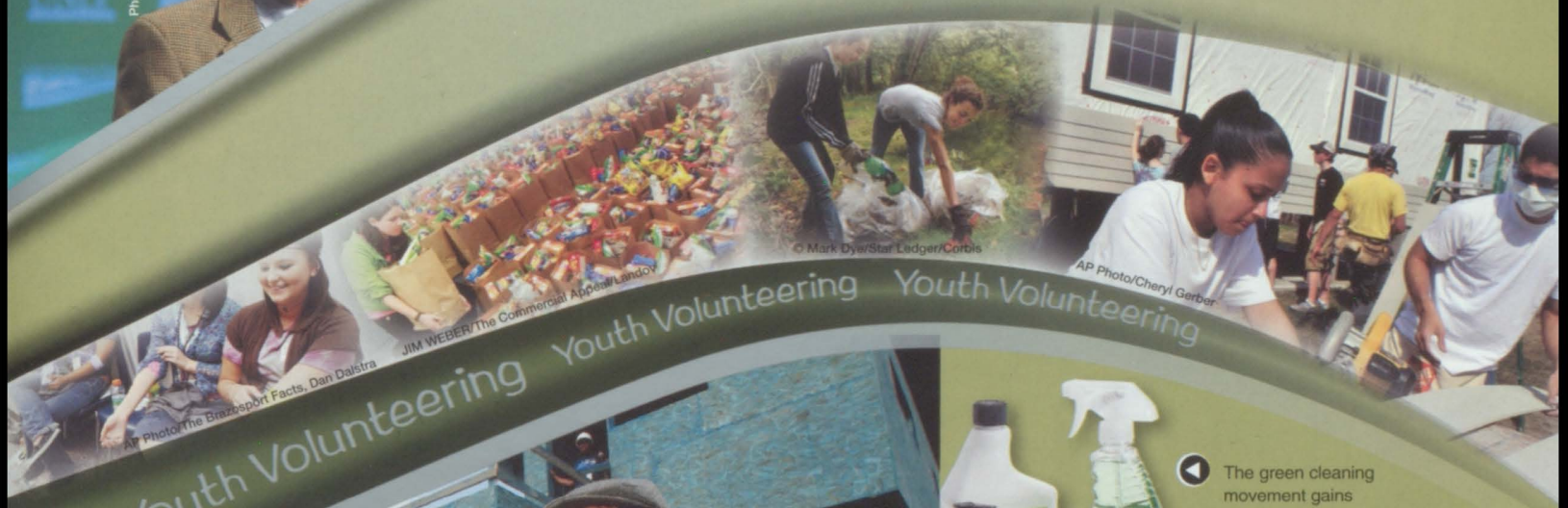

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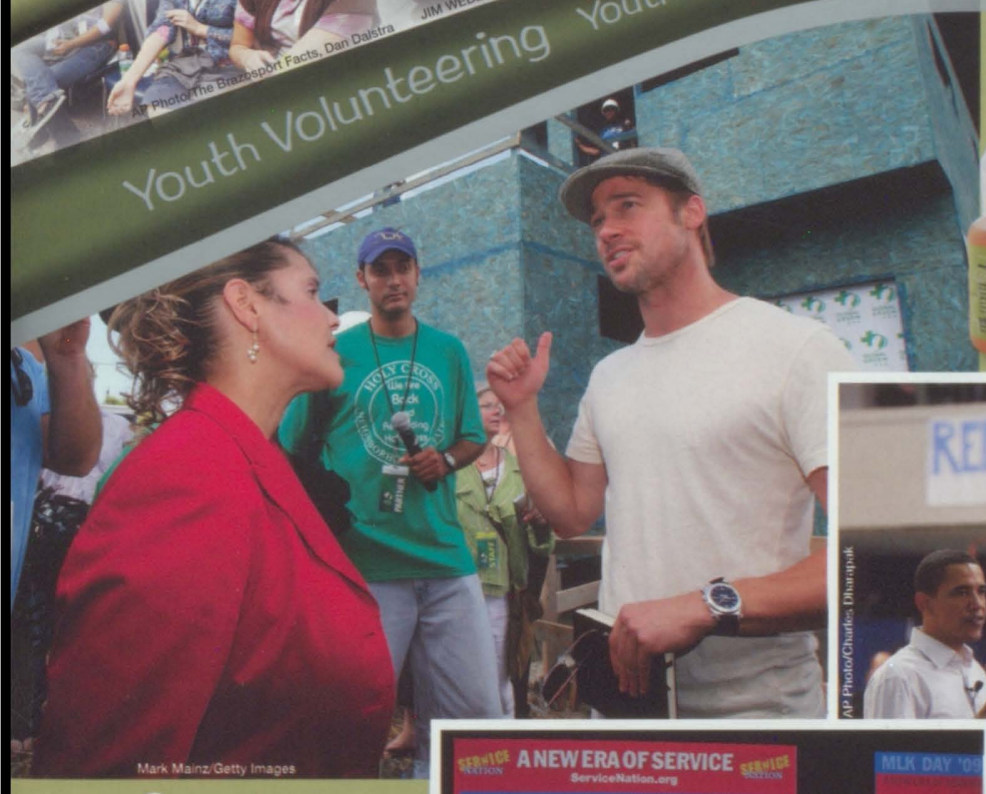

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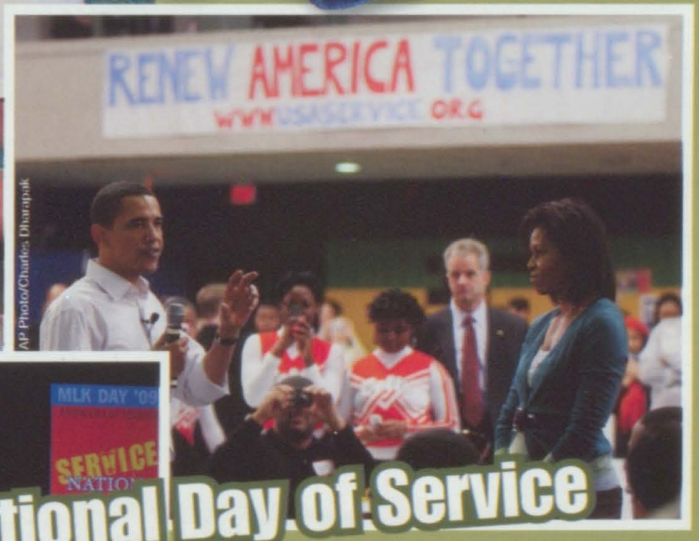
Brad Pitt launches the "Make It Right" project to build 150 green-sensitive new homes in the New Orleans Lower 9th Ward, which was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. Pitt contributes $5 million to the project.

The green cleaning movement gains momentum nationally as environmentally safe non-toxic cleaning products are used in many homes, as well as state and city institutions.



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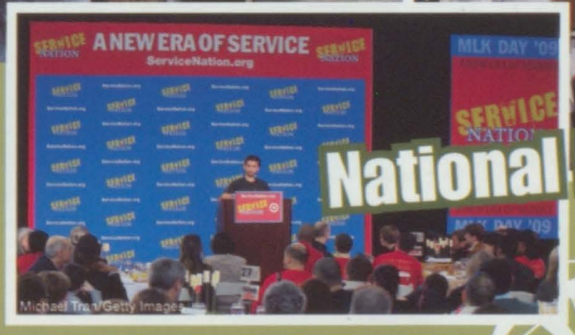

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National Day of Service

President-elect Obama asks all Americans to volunteer their time on the 2009 Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, January 19, and to continue throughout the year. More than 12,000 service projects take place across the country.

Summer Olympics

The Beijing 2008 Summer Olympics showcase some of the most amazing performances in Olympic history.

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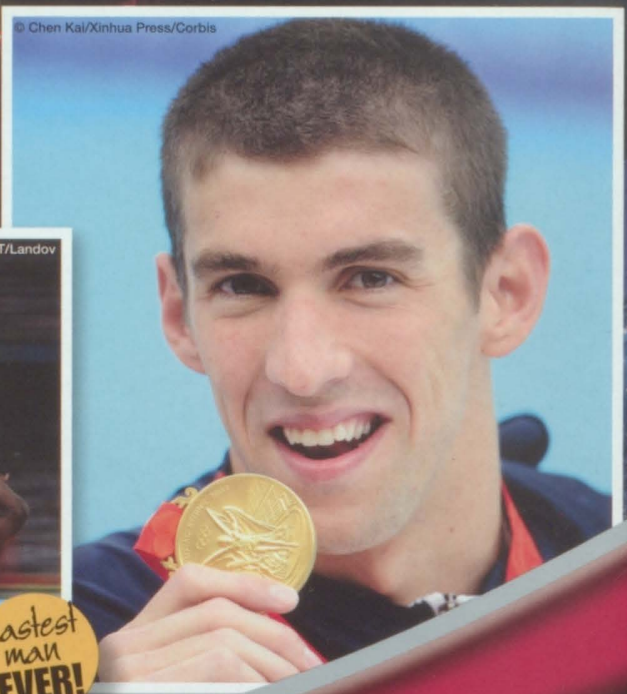

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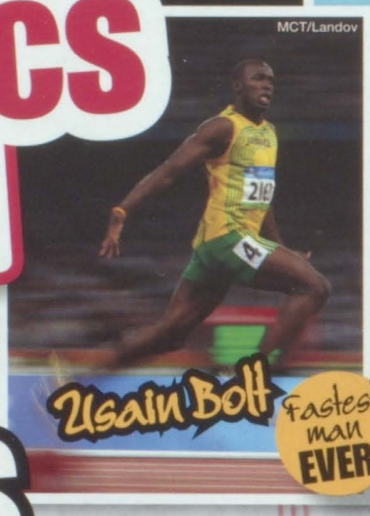
American swimmer Michael Phelps makes Olympic history with eight gold medals. Phelps sets three world records in his five individual wins.



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Usain Bolt

Fastest man EVER!

Sports

The Olympic Opening Ceremony

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Red Wings win 2008 Stanley Cup

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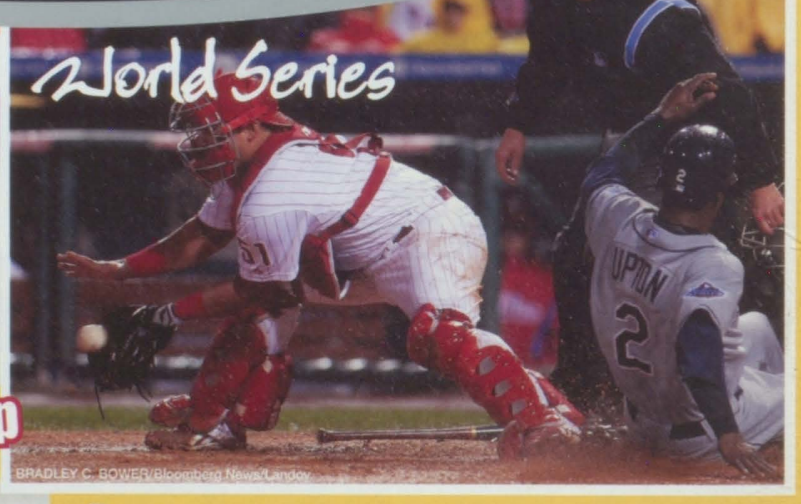

World Series

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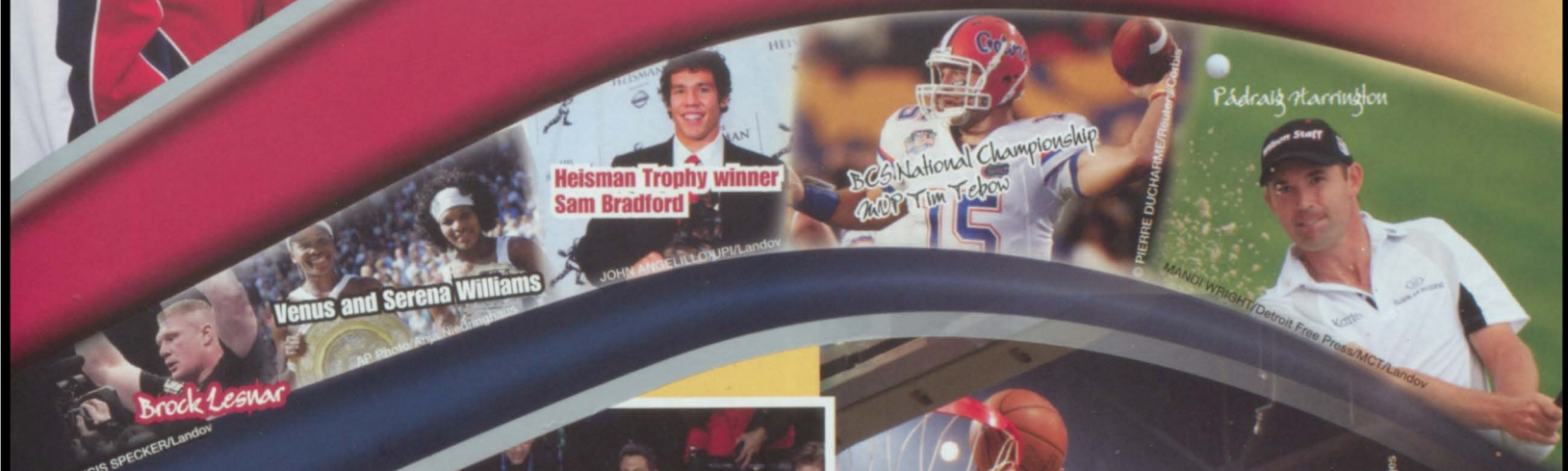
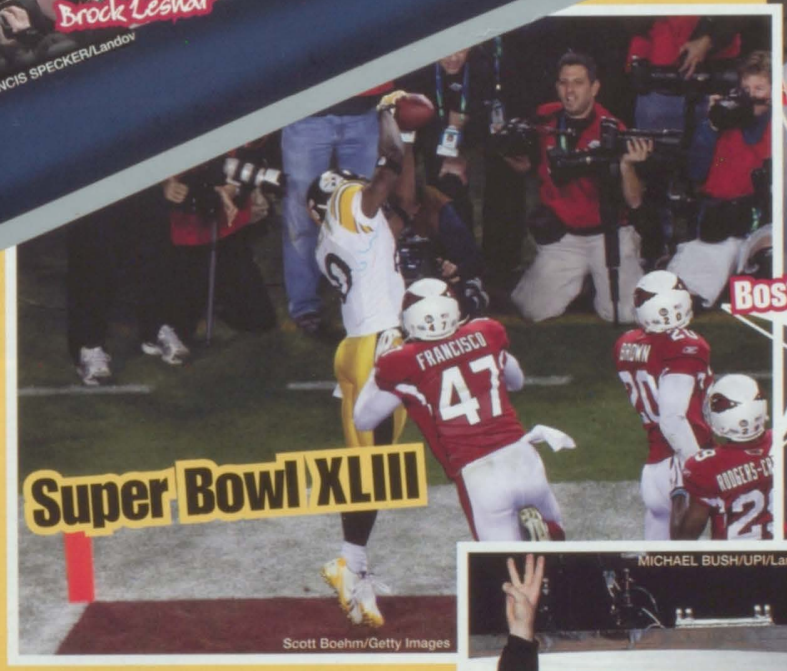
The Philadelphia Phillies win their second World Series with a five game victory over the Tampa Bay Rays. The fifth game takes three days to complete after a rain delay.

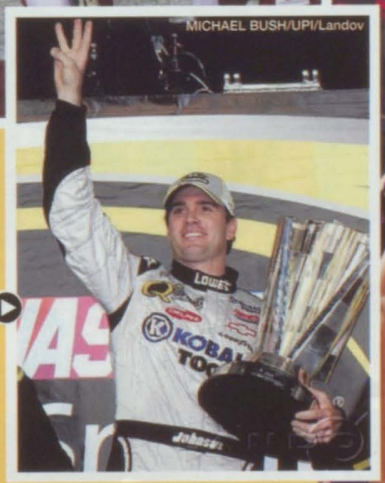
The Chinese gymnasts take the team title, but Americans Shawn Johnson (floor exercise) and Nastia Liukin (all-around) take individual gold medals for the U.S.

Gymnastics



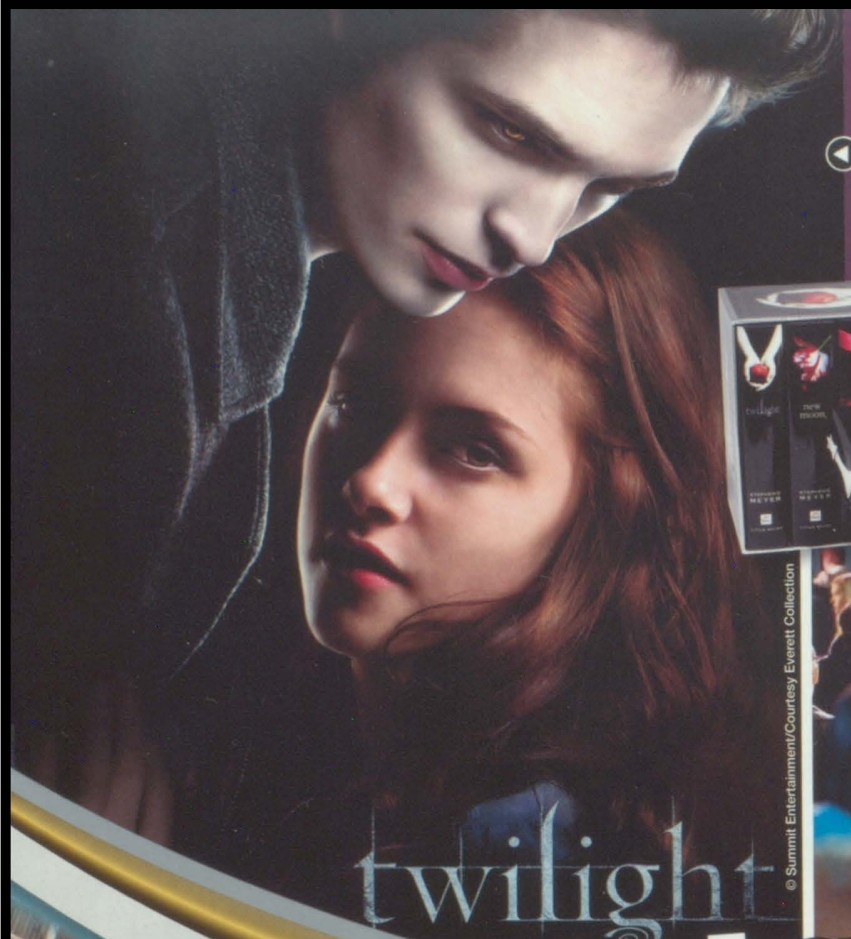


MVP Santonio Holmes makes a tip-toe catch in the corner of the end zone with 35 seconds remaining to lead the Pittsburgh Steelers past the Arizona Cardinals 27-23 in Super Bowl XLIII.



Jimmie Johnson captures the NASCAR Sprint Cup championship for the third straight year in his famous #48 Lowe's Chevrolet Impala SS.

Entertainment



Stephenie Meyer's runaway best-seller, *Twilight*, becomes a hit movie starring Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart as Edward and Bella.

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Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist

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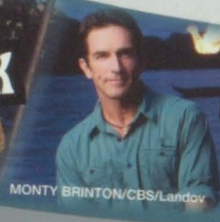

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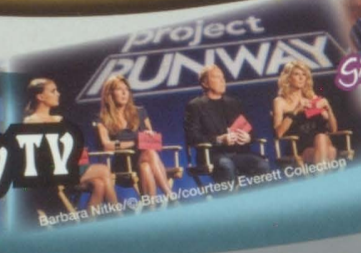

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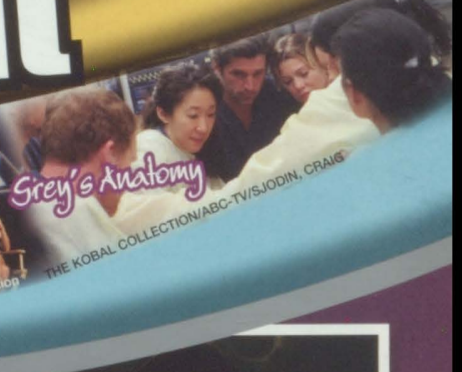

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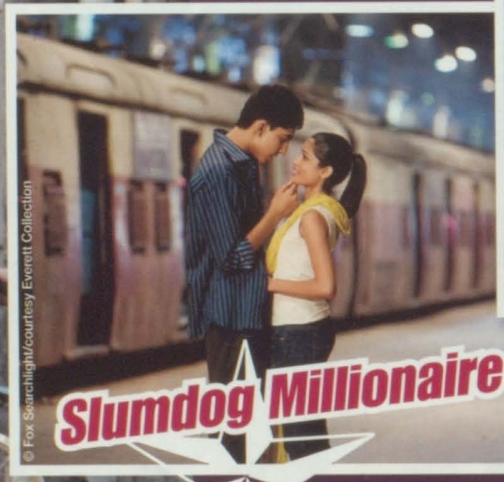

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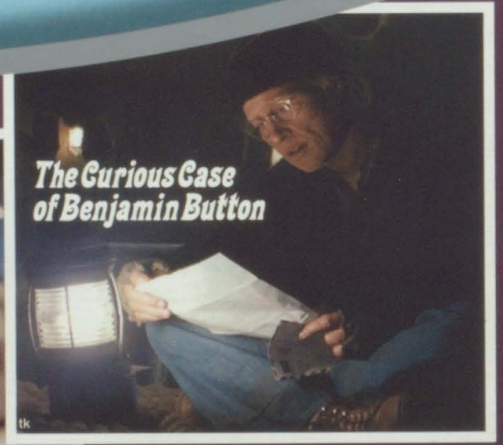
Slumdog Millionaire



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The Curious Case of Benjamin Button

Slumdog Millionaire, a surprise entry from India about teen life in Mumbai, and Brad Pitt's *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button*, about a man who ages backwards, monopolize Academy Award nominations with a combined total of 23.

MTV/Jeff Lipsky

MTV spins off the reality show *The Hills*, following *Laguna Beach* star Lauren Conrad and her friends to Los Angeles.

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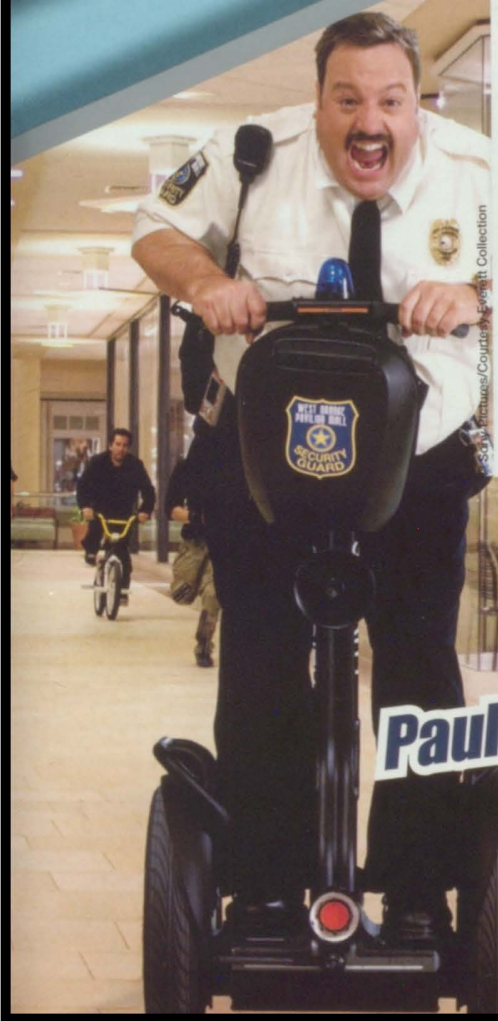

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Australian Heath Ledger, in his last film role as the Joker in the Batman epic *The Dark Knight*, wins a posthumous Golden Globe for Best Supporting Actor in a Drama.

Paul Blart: Mall Cop

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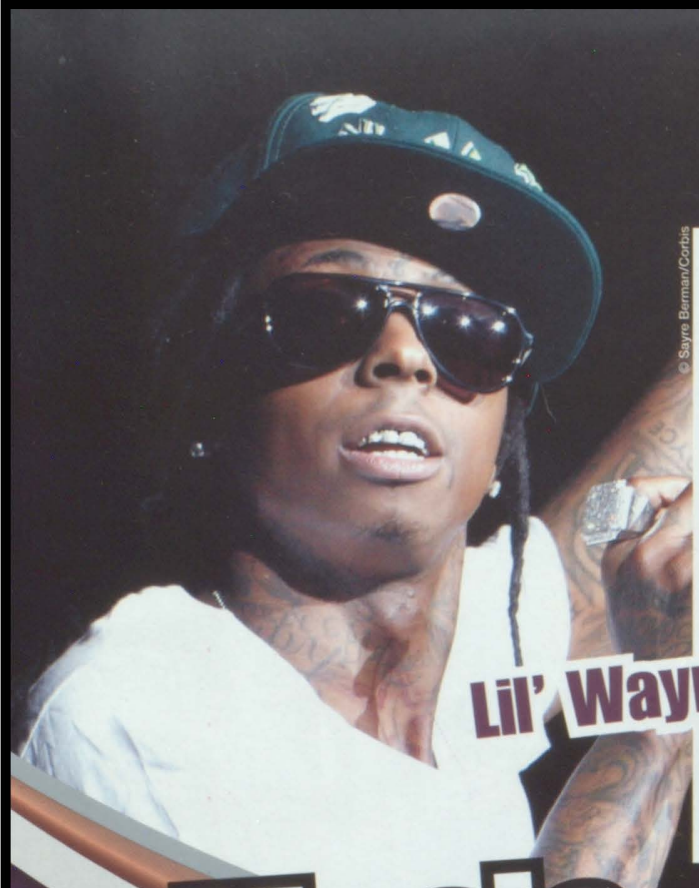
Bedtime Stories

Music



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Rapper Lil' Wayne takes home four Grammies, including Rap Album of the Year for *Tha Carter III* and Best Rap Song.

MTV

Due to low ratings, MTV's flagship show *Total Request Live* shuts down in November after a 10-year run.

Britney Spears rebounds from years of personal challenges with her fifth No.1 album, *Circus*. She becomes the only act in Nielsen SoundScan history to have four albums that debut with 500,000 or more copies sold.

R&B singer/songwriter Ne-Yo brings out his third album, *Year of the Gentleman*, which debuts on the *Billboard* 200 at No. 2. The album garners six Grammy nominations.

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The video for Will.i.am's song "Yes We Can" garners more than 1.3 million hits on YouTube and becomes an anthem for young voters during the presidential campaign.

Classic Rock

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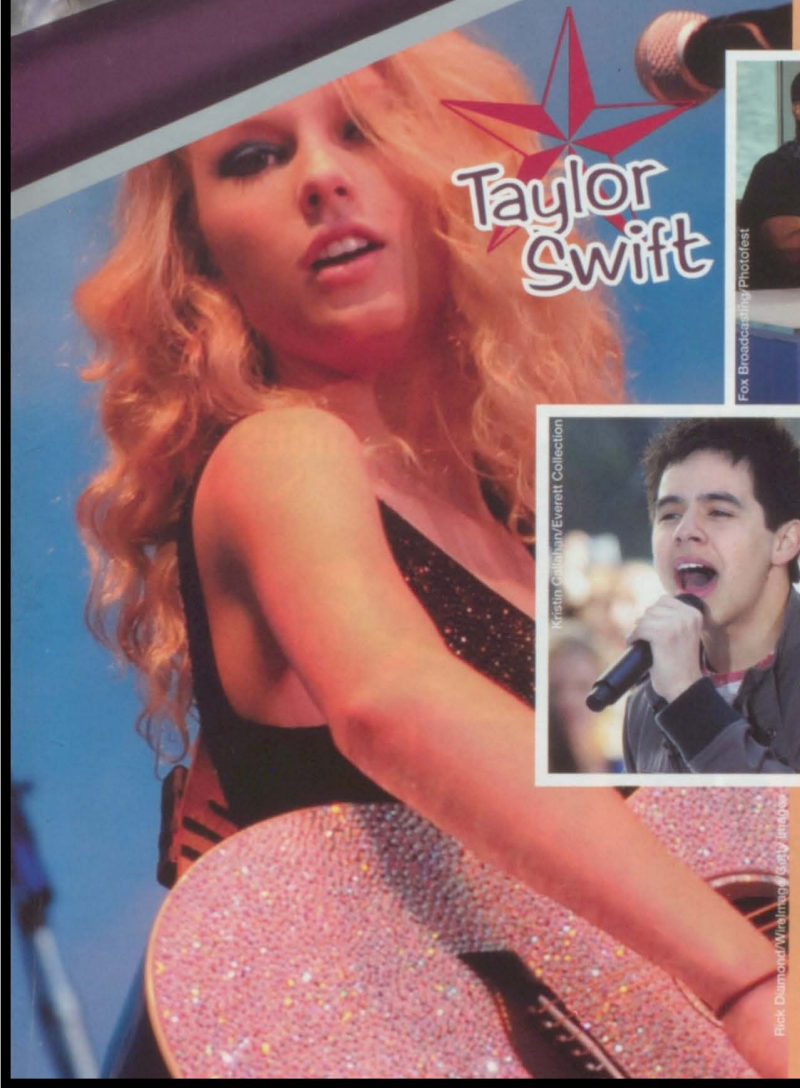
Fox's *American Idol* adds a fourth judge to the popular show. Grammy-nominated songwriter Kara DioGuardi joins regular panelists Randy Jackson, Paula Abdul and Simon Cowell.



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David vs. David

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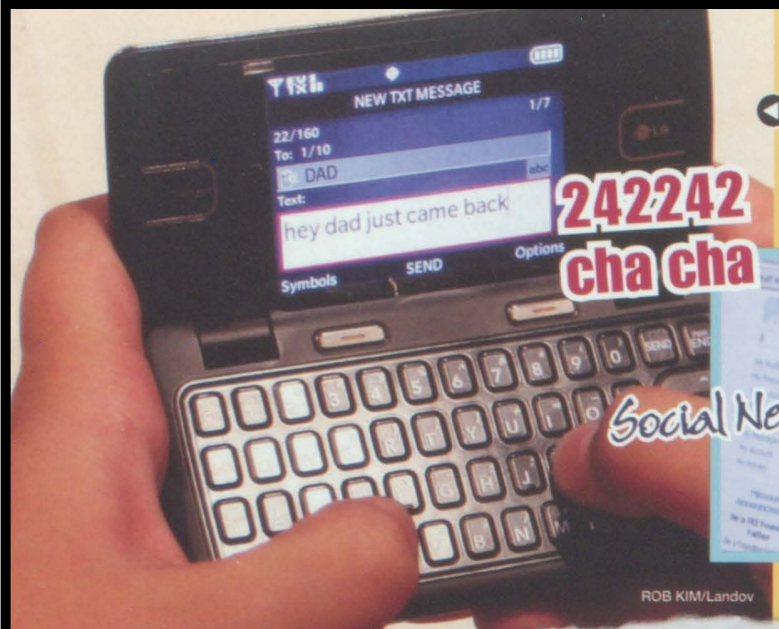
Rocker David Cook, with 58 percent of the fan votes, beats balladeer David Archuleta in the 2008 finals of Fox's *American Idol*.

Lifestyle



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Texting becomes the new writing. Teens everywhere learn to double-thumb miniature keyboards and invent a new language of abbreviations and signs.

Social Networking

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Digital TV

The nation converts to all-digital TV in 2009. The Department of Commerce offers government coupons to make the conversion more affordable.

Slippers to wear every day

Argyle & Plaid

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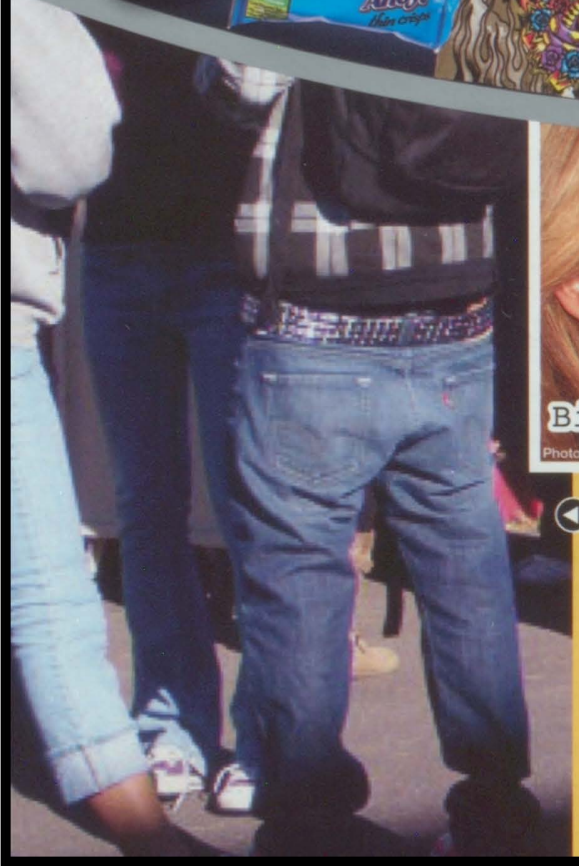

Big Sunglasses

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Designer Purses & Shoes

Top style trends this year include baggy pants, oversized sunglasses, designer purses, black nail polish and plaids.

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Black Nail Polish

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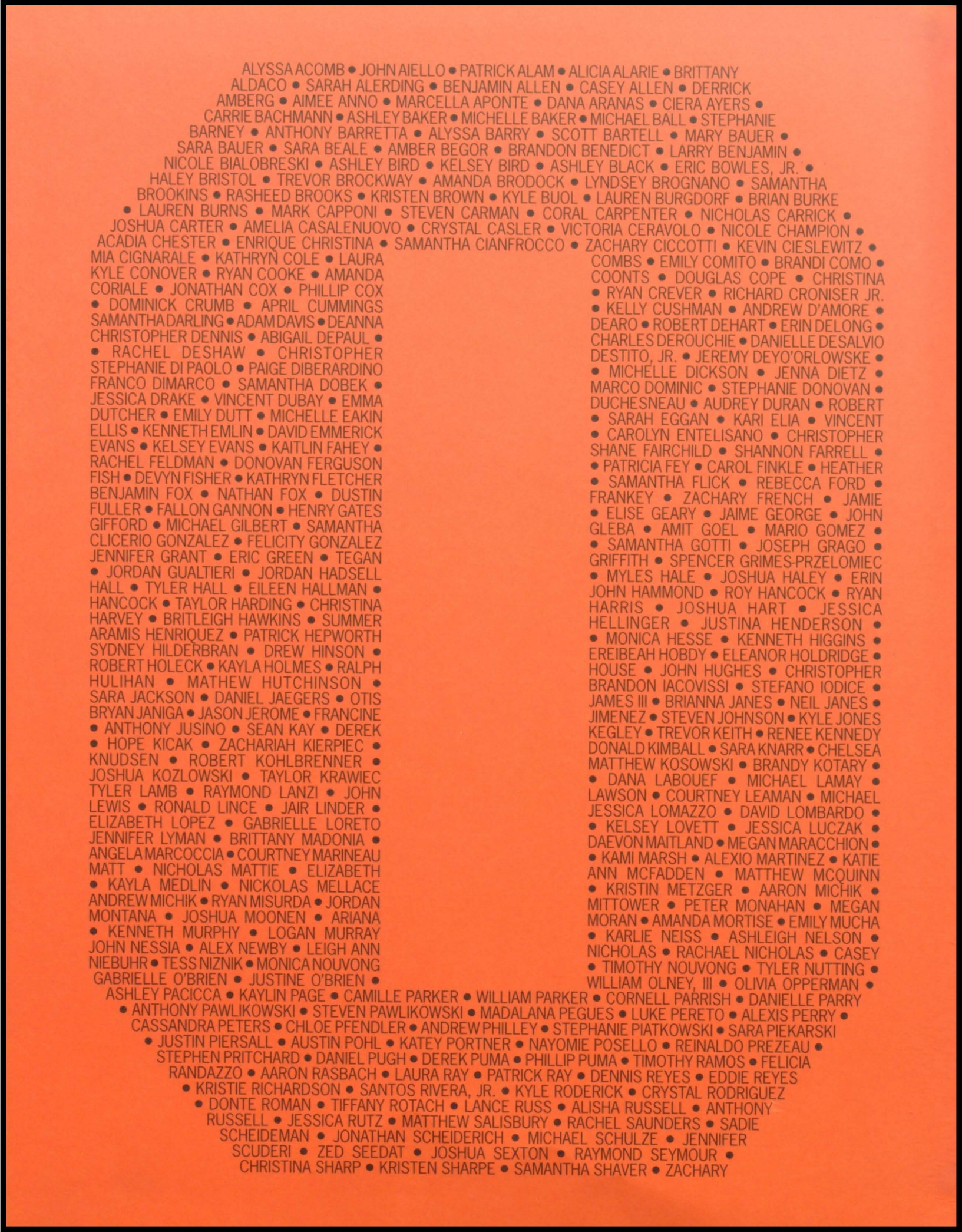
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